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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1917.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
All services will be resumed next Sunday at the usual hours.
The Social Six will meet Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. S. Burbank.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon with Miss Minnie Capen at the home of Beth Walker.
Dr. D. B. Holt, District Superintendent, will be at the church on Wednesday, Feb. 7, to hold the final Quarterly Conference of the year. Reports will be given from all church organizations, and plans made for the coming year. Members of the church are invited to be present at the business session as well as the social hour which will follow. Remembering that this is the most important meeting of the year, all members of the Quarterly Conference will surely try to be in attendance.
Holders of course tickets to the Popular Entertainment Course need to notice the change of date of Willard Gordon's program. He comes on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th. None will want to miss seeing Mr. Gordon's portrayals of noted people "so accurate as to be actually startling," his "remarkable close modelling," his "exquisite sketches," and the "fabulous pictures" which are described as "beautiful beyond description."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Curtis at the Parsonage, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.
The thirty-sixth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Society was appropriately observed last Sunday evening. The program under the leadership of Miss Purinton was well carried out. Mrs. Curtis' address on the Fruits of the Christian Endeavor Tree was particularly bright and interesting. Miss Ida Packard will lead the service next Sunday evening.
The choir will meet for rehearsal with Mrs. Mansfield this Wednesday evening.
"A Vital Question," will be the theme of the sermon next Sunday morning.
The following boys have sent in their registration fees to attend the Boys' Conference in Lewiston as representatives of Troop 5, Boy Scouts: Robert Hancock, Lawrence Kimball, Linwood Wilson, Harold Bartlett, Philip Brown, and Louis Van Den Kerkhoven.

O. E. S. INSTALL OFFICERS.
Last Thursday evening a number gathered at the Masonic Hall to witness the installation of the officers of Parity Chapter, No. 102, O. E. S.
The work was performed in a very creditable manner by Past Patron H. C. Rowe assisted by Mrs. Susan G. Edwards as marshal, Miss Elsie Davis as pianist, and Dr. I. H. Wright as chaplain.
During the installation ceremonies was interspersed a short program consisting of a piano solo by Marjorie Farwell; song, Bernice Keniston; piano duet, Marjorie Farwell and Vivian Wright.
At the close the installing officer was presented with a Past Patron's jewel and the retiring matron, Mrs. Grace Philbrook, with a past matron's jewel. Refreshments, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served and a social hour was enjoyed.
The following are the officers for the ensuing year:
W. M.—Harriet Merrill.
W. P.—F. B. Merrill.
A. M.—Elizabeth Young.
Sec.—Nellie Curtis.
Treas.—Alice Rowe.
Cond.—Sylvia Corcoran.
Assn. Cond.—Bertha Cole.
Chaplain—W. C. Curtis.
Marshal—Susan Edwards.
Pianist—Angie Wright.
Aids—Mary Hyman.
Ruth—Harriet Hall.
Eater—Mildred Roseman.
Martha—Eva Fox.
Elector—Maud Farwell.
Warden—Grace Philbrook.
Sentinel—R. F. Bibles.

BETHEL BAND TO GIVE CONCERT AND DANCE.
Thursday evening, February 15, is the date set for the concert and dance to be given by the Bethel Band.
The band have a lot of new pieces and many of the players have been taking individual lessons, so that a good concert may be anticipated. They have also engaged Mrs. Arty of Berlin as a concert soloist for the evening.
A six piece orchestra will play for the dancing.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Miss Frances Baker is absent from school on account of illness.
The Sophomores and Freshmen gave their declamations last Friday.

Nina Briggs spent the week and with Myrtle Wilson of North Bethel.
Roger Sloan was called to Lewiston last week to attend the funeral of his grandmother.

Last Friday evening Gould's Academy played the Bethel town team, defeating them by a score of 33 to 10. It was a very fast and fine game to watch.

A large proportion of the boys attended the Y. M. C. A. meeting last week and listened with much interest to Charles E. Chayer of Bates College, whose subject was, "The New Heroism."

The class of Parliamentary Law will hold a debate this week, the subject being: "Resolved that the Pen is mightier than the Sword." Affirmative leaders, Dorothy Hutchins, Roger Sloan; negative leaders, Naomi Smith, V. Foster Hutchins.

The Gould's girls have two good teams in basketball this season, called the Blue Bandanas and the Red Bandanas. The first game of a series of three was held in the G. A. Gymnasium, Jan. 23, the Blues defeating the Reds with a score of 13 to 11. The second game will be played in the near future. Those who are interested will be welcome at all games. Admission five cents.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting for February 7 will be held, not at the regular place and time, but at the Congregational vestry at 7:30 P. M. The missionary committee are preparing an interesting program for this occasion. Mrs. McWhorter, wife of the Rev. A. F. McWhorter of South Paris, will speak of her experiences while working in the slums of Boston. All ladies who are interested are cordially invited to be present.

HOSE COMPANY BANQUET.

The seventh annual banquet of the Volunteer Hose Company was held at Bethel Inn on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30 with twenty-eight present.

By seven o'clock the members with their wives or ladies and the engineers with their wives began to gather, and social greetings were exchanged in the music room before the procession started for the dining room. Place cards had been put around on the table and soon each had found his chair and was ready for the feast.

Manager Cilley and his able assistants had prepared a banquet fit for kings and it was greatly enjoyed by all. Several jokes were sprung during the evening, and several were awakened from their reveries by the alarm clock which Mr. Van brought with him in order that he would not sleep too long.

After the banquet all gathered in the billiard room where bid whist was enjoyed until a late hour.
All went home feeling that an enjoyable evening had been spent and with the hope that they might be present next year. Sincere thanks were extended to Manager Cilley for his many kindnesses of the evening.

STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives January 16, 1917.

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Friday, February 9th, 1917; that all such petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next Legislature; and that the Clerk of the House cause copies of this order to be published in all daily and weekly papers in this State until February 9th, 1917.

House of Representatives, Jan. 15, 1917.
Read and Passed.
Sent up for Concurrence.

W. E. Kots, Clerk.
In Senate Chamber, Jan. 15, 1917.
Read and Passed.
In Concurrence.

W. B. Lawry, Secretary.

FOR SALE—One good cow, five years old, due to freshen Feb. 2nd. Inquire at phone 2-124.

J. C. ANDERSON, Riverside Farm, 2-124 p.

BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Miss C. E. Fox and Miss Alice Park of Boston are spending a week at the Inn.

Mr. C. O. McCluskey and wife of Portland are spending a week at the Inn.

The usual afternoon tea was held last Wednesday. Mrs. Cilley was called to Boston on account of sickness and could not be present which was much regretted by all, as her genial presence adds much to the pleasure of these gatherings.

Mr. W. L. Allen of Boston was an overnight guest at the Inn last Friday. He stopped over on his way to his camp at Bangley to visit his daughter who is making an extended stay at the Inn. He left Saturday noon driving to Rumford where he took the train for his destination.

Mr. N. S. Bull, wife and daughter, and his sister, Miss Bull, left for Boston, Monday morning after a week's stay at the Inn. They were delighted with Bethel and enthusiastic over all the winter sports. Mr. C. E. Eaton was with them for a few days but was obliged to return to Boston. All expressed themselves as much pleased with Bethel Inn, and the opportunities Bethel offers for all kinds of winter sports. They have been guests at other popular winter resorts and said they never enjoyed an outing more than this season at Bethel.

Bethel Volunteer Hose Co., held a banquet on Tuesday evening, twenty-eight being present, after the banquet was served a jolly evening was spent as cards. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garey, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhoven, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Barnard, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown, Mr. E. F. Bibles, Miss Ethel Philbrick, Mr. Roy Thurston, Miss Ida Packard, Mr. L. L. Carter, Mrs. M. L. Allen, Mr. L. A. Hall, Mrs. Ella Mansfield, Mr. F. B. Merrill, Miss Harriet Merrill.

CHORUS SINGING.

All singers and those interested in singing are invited to meet at Mr. Upson's Music Room on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and enjoy an hour of chorus singing. The music of the Maine Festival will be taken up and other pleasing choruses.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

To the Republican Voters of Eastern Oxford County:

I shall be a candidate for the Office of Register of Deeds for Eastern Oxford County at the next Republican Primaries. I have always been a resident and voter of Oxford County and have always lived in different sections of the Eastern part of Oxford County and am known to many of the voters. If I receive the nomination, I will do my best to attend to the duties of the Office faithfully and without any comment on my part, that I am capable of doing it. I take this method of notifying my friends a long time in advance, that I am to be a candidate and trust that the Republican Voters in the Eastern part of the County will give me their support.

HARVEY E. POWERS.

WANTED—To buy a second hand (cylinder) steam tank in good condition. Outside dimensions, five feet 8 inches by two feet 8 inches. Inquire at CITIZEN'S OFFICE.

Bethel, Maine.

HOGS WANTED.

Will pay \$10 for five hogs or 15 for dressed. Call, write or telephone.

W. C. BRYANT, Bethel, Maine.

SEWING WANTED.

Plain sewing and children's clothes.

MRS. HAZEL GIBBONS, Opposite Grammar School, Bethel, Maine.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

The Committee on Joint Fisheries and Game will give a public hearing in the Hall of Representatives, State House, in Bangor, on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 10 A. M., on an act to amend the laws relating to the regulation of fishing and game.

78th MAINE

LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

Last week, the fourth and the longest thus far of the 78th Maine Legislature, was of considerable importance from a point of business introduced and business completed.

The budget hearings are virtually over, after the sessions of Friday, the claims of department heads and the representatives of State and State-aid institutions having been heard. Governor Milliken said at the close of the Friday hearings:

"Yes, today's hearings have nearly completed that part of the budget system work, although several parties and departments will have to be consulted at times before making out our report to the Legislature. Just when that report will be made is difficult to judge at the present time, but I doubt if it be made before the time limit—Feb. 8—placed by the Legislature on the reception of bills and petitions for private and special legislation. I am, as I have said before, much pleased with the interest shown by the members of the Legislature, the departments, and the public in general in the budget system and I feel confident of its successful working out in every particular."

Many experienced legislators are already talking a 12-week session, meaning a possible adjournment by March 23.

T. P. Callahan of Lewiston, former State auditor and a candidate in the last primaries for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, has been engaged by the Governor and Council to point the rough places and to aid the driving of the budget chariot. He is already known as "Budget Boss" Callahan, and he is full of enthusiasm for the new system. "I wouldn't be surprised," he told the reporter for this paper last Wednesday evening, "if this Legislature were enabled to finish up in the middle of March through the efficiency of this method of handling the State's affairs. We're getting a lot of mighty valuable information about State and charitable institutions, too."

So rushed were the officers of the budget hearings last Wednesday, that the appropriations committee and the Governor's Council each divided into two halves and held hearings in the Council and Senate chambers to care for the representatives of institutions who were anxious to state their cases and get away.

After the Republican caucus the understanding is general that the Republican members will stand behind the Governor—"on his legislative program," suggesting that whatever the Governor openly recommends will have the support of his party. As the Republican majority in both branches is overwhelming this gives proponents of measures like woman suffrage, and the liquor prohibition bills considerable confidence, yet creates a peculiar situation—all are wondering just how far the Governor will go in his endorsement of the proposed legislation. Particularly does this apply to the bondary bill, said to have been drafted by William B. Pataasall, Democratic leader and ex-governor general. In other words, certain Republicans believe they have good and sufficient reason for suspecting the motives of the man whom they sometimes term the "Wily Pat."

They have dissected the bill word by word, letter by letter, and the only fault that they are able to discover from their point of view, may we say only suspicious provision, is the part which exempts importation of liquor for sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes. They hear other rumors and they are afraid. Mr. Milliken has not yet been heard from, and they are inclined to await his judgment on the measure, as, to a certain extent, the responsibility rests upon him.

The suffrage resolve proposing a constitutional amendment, introduced last week, will be up for hearing Thursday, Feb. 1, in the House of Representatives. It is assumed of a favorable report, and its supporters are more confident of victory than they ever have been before.

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GRANGE NEWS

CANTON GRANGE.

An interesting and profitable meeting of Canton Grange was held Saturday with a large attendance. The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of four in the forenoon. The lecturer presented the following program at the afternoon session: Singing by a choir composed of young people with Miss Ora Woodward, pianist; humorous recitation, "Uncle Levi on the Woman Question," Mrs. I. K. Turner; Question, "Shall we as a Grange endorse Equal Suffrage?" opened by Mrs. Ella Wright, affirmative followed by Mrs. Lizada Atkins, negative, C. E. Tripp affirmative, and A. F. Russell negative. The question was also discussed by others after which a vote of the Grange was taken and the question decided in the affirmative, 27 to 15; Recitation, "A Meeting in Timberville," Mrs. Leona Berry. The topic, "The Federal Farm Loan Association," was opened by O. M. Richardson, who handled the subject in an able manner. A good talk on the "Organization of Milk Producers," was by D. A. Bishop, followed by other members. Mr. Bishop announced that on Tuesday of this week a local milk producers association will be organized at Canton Grange Hall at 10 A. M. and it was for the interest of every person interested in dairying to attend. The meeting closed with singing of "America" by the Grange.

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange held its regular meeting Jan. 25. A good many of our members attended the installation of the Eastern Star and consequently there were only a few present. There was one application read and one name balloted on for membership. The Grange voted to send its Lecturer to the Lecturers' Convention at Waterville the 7th and 8th of February. The literary program was as follows:
Question—"Is it profitable for farmers and fruit growers to buy their nursery stock of middlemen rather than nursery growers direct, and if so, why?" Discussed by all.
This question was fully discussed and the majority decided that it was a saving of one half or more to buy direct from nursery growers.
Question—"Shall we eat less meat?" Discussed by Byron Cummings, Eli Cushman, Pauline Mason and Levi Bartlett.
It was thought best to postpone the bean contest until next meeting.
Reading, A Patriotic Piece.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE.

Alder River Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 24. Committee appointed:—
Finance—Mrs. M. L. Hastings, Mrs. Nina Swan, Mrs. Helen Hutchins Dean. Executive—L. E. Cole, H. E. Bartlett, Guy Bartlett.
Relief—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett.
A petition was read regarding woman suffrage. Voted to endorse the woman suffrage resolution. Suggestion for the good of the order by W. Master (Guy Bartlett and Russell Swan). A communication from the State Lecturer was read and the Grange voted to send their lecturer, Mrs. M. E. Kimball, to Lecturers' Convention to be held in Waterville, Feb. 7 and 8. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on one candidate, and harvest supper was served. The W. Lecturer announced that the program on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, would be in memory of Abraham Lincoln. The W. Master read a notice of New England Milk Producers' Association, which is to be held in Bethel Grange Hall, Thursday A. M., February 2.

NORWAY GRANGE.

Norway Grange met in regular session on Jan. 27 at 7:30. Meeting called to order by W. M., G. W. Richardson with all officers present. After opening exercises and a short business session, Sister Viola Abbott was installed as Lady Assistant Steward. Sister E. H. Nason of Waterville Grange acted as installing officer, assisted by Emma Swan. The work was performed in a very pleasing manner. The first and second degrees were then conferred on a class of seven, after which regular business was resumed. Committees appointed—Dinner, for Feb. 10, include letters from M. to T. Emma Swan, chairman. (A feast means food.) Library, Alice Marston, Rita Pierce and Will

FOR SALE.

The Helen Tyler place at West Bethel owned by Ernest Swicker Estate. One of the best farms in Bethel. For information and particulars inquire of MRS. ERNEST SWICKER, 12531 p. West Bethel, Me.

Look Here

Owing to an oversight, from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 I am offering my entire stock of Ladies', Men's and Boys' winter Merceries at cost. These are all No. 1 fresh goods and a big saving for anyone in need.

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FOR SALE.

Pair black horses weighing 1130 each, one 12, the other 14 years old, the horses I worked on my peddler cart for 8 years. Also my peddler cart and sled, both in good running order. W. A. BRAGG, Bethel, Maine. 10-124t.

FOR SALE.

The barn on the Milton Grover place on Grover Hill. Can be taken down and moved. Well timbered and much good lumber can be taken from it. Apply to HERRICK & PARK.

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FOR SALE.

Four year old heifer, due to freshen soon. MARTHA E. BARTLETT, 1-25-31. North Bethel, Maine.

WANTED

Capable girl for general housework in family of four and assist with children, must be a good plain cook, flat laundry sent out, wages \$5 per week, address MRS. HARRY J. GODFREY, 1-25-4t. 222 State St., Augusta, Me.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

A country store at Hunt's Corner, A. I. many. Me. Only store in town doing business. Size of building 12x40, with a built in refrigerator, also good wire farm and buildings with all conveniences, 50 acre wood and timber lot. H. I. BEAN, R. F. D. 3, Bethel, Me. 1-25-31 p.

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12 head of stock: 2 cows, 2 heifers due to freshen soon, 2 yearlings and 5 calves from 2 to 12 weeks old. Prices very low if sold at once. ALLAN A. BROOKS, Tel. 9004-11. Gratton, Maine. 2-1-3t.

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The Helen Tyler place at West Bethel owned by Ernest Swicker Estate. One of the best farms in Bethel. For information and particulars inquire of MRS. ERNEST SWICKER, 12531 p. West Bethel, Me.

RED TAG SALE

Savings are very large this season. Our sale has been a great success for ourselves and for our customers.

Many lots are entirely closed out, but there are others that we have plenty of and some new lots put in to close out at attractive prices.

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Some very attractive styles at Red Tag Prices:

ONE LOT in muslin waists, white, were 98c.....	Sale \$.65
ONE LOT in muslin waists, regular \$1.25 and \$1.49.....	Sale .95
ONE LOT in muslin and voile, regular \$1.98 and \$2.49.....	Sale 1.45
ONE LOT silk waists, colors and white, regular \$3.99.....	Sale 2.65
ONE LOT Georgette Crepe waists, regular \$4.95.....	Sale 3.65
ONE LOT Ladies' gray wool hose.....	Sale .20
ONE LOT Ladies' wool vests and pants, \$2.00 to \$1.75.....	Sale .65

LADIES' SUITS JUST HALF PRICE

DRESS SKIRTS of good Serges and Poplins, in Blue and Black, regular \$4.95.....	Sale \$3.45
OUT SIZE SKIRTS in Black and Blue Serge, \$4.95.....	Sale 3.75
FLANNELETTE HOUSE DRESSES in grays, regular \$1.50.....	Sale 1.15
HIG VALUES in hemmed linen crash remnants, regular 20c.....	Sale .15

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SUNDAY RIVER.

Small Walker was in Bethel, Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spencer are spending a week in Bethel.
H. M. Heston is helping Howard Bailey last week.
Mrs. C. A. Baker and daughter were in Bethel, recently.
Frank Williamson is moving in with his father.
Mr. and Mrs. Harn Swenson called at J. W. Heston's, Sunday.
Mrs. J. D. Bean has returned from Portland.
Mrs. A. G. Eames and daughter, Alice, spent a few days in Bethel last week.
Don Neveville has returned having wood for M. M. Williamson and is out on his farm.
Mrs. Wm. Heston is quite sick at the moment.
Joe Johnson spent Sunday at home.
Owen Heston was in Bethel, Monday.

WEST GREENWOOD

Adrian Fletcher from the Hiram Mill spent the week end with his grandfather.
Walter a guest of the from Bethel, has been called to the home of Mr. Heston.
Dorothy Swan is working for John Heston.
Miss Swan from Bethel's Mills was a guest of Mrs. Heston in town.
Miss Heston spent the week end in Bethel, Sunday.
W. A. Hill and sister Mary were in Bethel after tea, Monday.
Joe Heston and brother, Herbert, spent Sunday with their mother at Lucks's Mill.

NEWRY.

W. N. Powers was at Heston last Friday.
P. H. Douglas went to Bethel for a load of grain last Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. P. I. French came from Bethel last Wednesday night returning Friday morning.
A white party at the Grange Hall, Saturday night.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Marian McFarlane was a guest of relatives in Auburn the week end.
C. H. Teltz was in Auburn on business, Saturday.
Mrs. Washington Heston and daughter, who mother, Mrs. Lydia Varney of North Bethel are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Crockett.
Mrs. Clara Brown is quite ill.
Ralph Abbott of Mechanic Falls was home, Sunday.
L. E. Bryant was in Bryant's Pond, Saturday.
M. H. Stanley visited the week end with her parents at Middle Intervale.
Ray Collins of Mechanic Falls has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Curtis Abbott.

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and rid of that troubling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, coughs, croup and whooping cough. It soothes the inflamed membrane and kills the cold germ, your cough is soon relieved. Delay no longer—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for coughs, croup, and colds. Get a bottle today at your druggist, Geo. Ad.

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NORWAY,

MAINE

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BETHEL and Vicinity

A. F. Copeland was in Bethel, Saturday.

Master Harold Taylor is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. G. L. Grover has finished working for Harry Lyon.

Mrs. Hugh Thurston from West Bethel was in town, Tuesday.

Beatrice Swicker has been spending a week's vacation in Berlin.

Dr. E. L. Brown was the guest of his mother in Norway, Tuesday.

Mr. G. L. Davis was a business visitor in Rumford one day last week.

Mrs. Roswell Frost of Norway is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Mrs. Lydia Blanchard of Milan, N. H., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. J. H. Wight.

Miss Phoebe Burton still remains critically ill at the home of Miss Blake on Spring street.

Mrs. Nellie Phelps of Milan, N. H., was a week end guest of Mr. F. L. Edwards and family.

Mr. E. A. Morse of Hastings is spending a few days with his uncle, Mr. S. J. Morse and family.

Mrs. George Carver and son, Guy, of Jonesport were guests at I. L. Carver's a few days last week.

Friends of Prof. W. S. Wight are sorry to hear of his critical illness at the Maine General Hospital.

Mrs. Chas. Eames and daughter, Alice from Sunday River visited friends in Bethel the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean of East Bethel were guests of Mr. Edmund Merrill and family, Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Lithgow and family have gone to California, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. C. L. Grover and daughter, Geneva, went to Lewiston, Saturday, to consult an oculist about Miss Geneva's eyes.

A. R. Penneck, wife and daughter, Belle, from North Waterford took dinner Friday with his sister, Mrs. A. M. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hubbard of Detroit, Mich., spent a few days last week with his mother at the home of Moses Hastings.

Mrs. Newton and Miss Newton of New York are spending several days with Mrs. Newton's grandchildren at Judge Herrick's house.

Mrs. Carl Wight, who has been spending a few weeks with Dr. I. H. Wight and family, returned to her home in Milan, N. H., last Thursday.

The Grange Club will meet with Mrs. Helen Frost and Miss Lena Darke at the home of Mrs. J. G. Gehring next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 6.

Mr. Paul F. Stephen of Cleveland, so pleasantly remembered by Bethel people, gave a strong sermon in his church on Poland's condition, as to raise money thousands of dollars at that service.

"Hallelu," a three act comedy drama, will be presented by the East Bethel Dramatic Club at Grange Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 3. This will be followed by dancing with good music in attendance. A baked bean and pastry supper will be served at intermission.

The following taken from the Kennebec Journal will be interesting to those who remember Miss Helen York: "C. S. York received Saturday a telegram which brought to him as much or more happiness than has come to him for some time. The telegram came from Naples, Italy, and contained but these three words: 'Robert grand success,' but it meant a whole lot to the one by whom it was received. It meant that Mr. York's daughter, Helen, who has been in Italy for several years studying voice culture, had completed her course of training and had made her debut as an operatic singer. This came last week and thus far the three words of the telegram are all that is known of her success, but her many friends at home will be eager to hear further details. In a recent letter to her father Miss York wrote that she expected to make her debut around the first part of January and that it would be made at Teatro Mercadante in 'Lucia di Lammermoor.' Miss York's name is Italian in 'Helen York,' and her friends here feel sure that she will be successful in her chosen profession."

Mr. and Mrs. John McPherson, Gladys and Bule Davis entertained a white party at Bear River Grange Hall, Saturday night for the benefit of the Grange and church. Miss McPherson and A. T. Powers were first prizes. Miss John McPherson and Lawrence McPherson consolation prizes.

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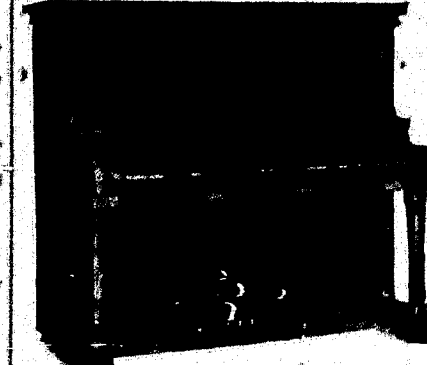
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The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

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How many of you readers really music, as it should be liked. Who composer is really inspired he writes most wonderful melody, and to most wonderful tune, if a song, is a poetry to match. To be really inspired, one must love nature in all forms, and then the music seems form in your mind, you know not where. It seems to come from places further than this poor earth, for in now-a-days is trashy, and is not a good. This trashy kind comes from really loving nature as they ought. Some might say, what do you mean by nature? Really nature is so simple that people want something which is not so simple; hence, no inspiration. The "grand silence" of the night, woodland, with all its chirping creatures, as birds and insects, makes most inspiring thought. Of course, people who love these simple thoughts have always been called dreamers and idle "good-for-nothing," but it seems that these are the people whose names sit on and on. Did any of you ever know that the grand "silence of the night" and the "bigness of the universe" is a cure for nervousness? It really is, and when one sits at a piano, fairy-like sounds seem to come from the far-away, so far that you very nervous at the time being so still, and you scarcely breathe, so that you are upon listening and know probably every minute that the thoughts can be snatched away by wind from the outside world. Those who love music then, can hear the heavenly melodies as borne on the breeze a storm, at a lonely seashore, or probably mountain-peak; so wonderful is this great universe that you do not need to go to a concert to hear all the latest earth-played tunes, but can hear all you want for nothing, and how good it is for one's health; your very nerve seem to tingle, and the warm blood seems to light up your very face, making it ruddy and peaceful-looking. People now-a-days complain of having no money to go to shows; well, give me the outdoors, I can see and hear all the wonderful workings of the Creator's universe, and all for nothing, not a cent to pay, no one to intrude, and what's best, I cheat the doctor out of his expensive bills, and come home happier than if I had been to the grandest concert. You go out into the woods and take a troupe of children along; their merry voices seem to lighten the woodland echoes, and the song of the birds, etc., seem to lift you right off your feet, so light you feel, you then walk home in a dream. I certainly call that healing living. You may say, you can't go and lighten your burdens, well, that is how you arrange them. I have four children myself, ranging from five to ten years, one as big as the other; the fact is, I play with them, too, outside; and then one seems to be in childhood years once more, and how sweet and good it seems.

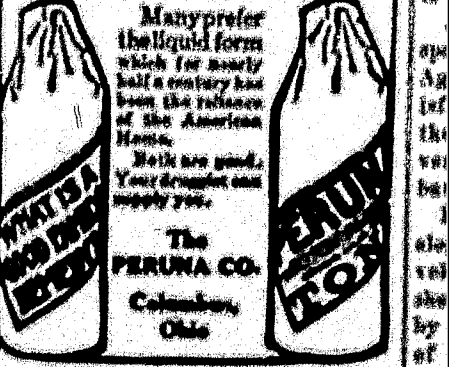
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even how we love their bad traits, tricks, and it is much better to forgive than to punish. How interesting and musical are children's voices; could we big folks all be children, we no doubt, would live in Paradise; of course, some would have to work, but we could work for one another, and strengthen this love a thousand fold. For music is no music without children's voices, they are so melodious and thankful. All these I call good music, and it certainly does not tire you out, when sitting in the silence and listening to these grand sounds; I know most people feel lonesome when in silence, but I never do; then they call you a "queer one"; instead of going to a show, being dressed in modern fashion, high heels, and other vanity, I call that emptiness of the soul; for indeed, it is mostly of their body they think of instead of the soul. For, if you go in plain fashion to a show, before you know, you will be the "show" for coming dressed in plain fashion. Yes, more melodious are the songs of birds and chirping insects than the grandest concert when I really "couldn't go" unless I would be dressed in the height of fashion. But of such is the most of the earth composed. I think we are indeed far from "the kingdom of heaven," where all would be merry, no hate, jealousy and strife; real music is ever-present, and love is in it in all its forms if taken aright.

KNACKS AND KNOWLEDGE.

If you warm lemons before you squeeze them, you will obtain nearly double the quantity of juice.

Sprinkle a little salt on the oven shelf under the cake tin and your cake will never burn on the bottom.

Rub the hands for a few minutes after doing kitchen work, and then rinsed off in tepid water, will keep them smooth, so that one may sew or embroider without difficulty.

A tin cup of vinegar kept boiling while cabbage and onions are cooking will prevent the smell from permeating the house.

When boiling potatoes, add just a little sugar as well as salt. They then become far more floury than if only salt is added.

If you cook on a gas range, get two pieces of galvanized sheet iron from the plumber, one piece six and the other eight. Place these over the flame and set the pot or pan on it. It holds the heat and requires less gas, besides keeping the vessels from burning in the center.

Rub the ribs of the umbrella with vaseline where they are fastened. This prevents rust.

BRIEF ITEMS.

The most practicable means of controlling grasshoppers is by the use of poisoned bran bait or the modified chlordane mixture.

The golden plover of the Pacific Ocean migrates from Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands. Its flight takes it 2,000 miles across an islandless sea.

The department, during the last fiscal year, employed 624 people in cooperative work in the eradication and control of citrus canker in the Southern States.

It has been found that a few drops of rough applications of crude petroleum to the interior of poultry houses will destroy completely the common red mite infesting chickens.

The largest continuous flight of any bird to be made by the golden plover. From Nova Scotia to the coast of South America the entire flight of 2,400 miles is accomplished without pause or rest.

A device has been originated by specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which promises a more satisfactory and practical application of the hot water treatment for the prevention of loose smut of wheat and barley.

Extensive researches by plant pathologists of the department upon the development of crown galls upon plants show that these galls, which are caused by a bacillus, have very many points of resemblance to human cancer.

KEEP COW'S RECORD.

Value of Cow-Testing Associations Demonstrated—Appearance Often Deceptive in Dairy Cows.

That the appearance of a dairy cow can be depended on to indicate her production of milk is illustrated by a demonstration conducted under the auspices of the Dairy Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture with a herd of nine cows at the National Dairy Show held recently at Springfield, Mass. A year's record of milk and butter fat already had been made for all the cows of the herd. During the show complete records of production and feed consumption were kept and in every case the previous records were duplicated. Some of the cows were of poor dairy type, yet were good producers; others were of good dairy type, yet were poor producers; still others of similar appearance had greatly different records. Of the last-named class were Nos. 8 and 9. Many experienced stockmen selected No. 9 as the better of the two, but the records showed that for the last year No. 8 gave 8,445 pounds of milk and 246 of fat compared with 4,270 pounds of milk and 195 of fat for No. 9. This serves as an object lesson to the hundreds of people who daily viewed the demonstration that good dairy type is not always associated with large production and that poor dairy type does not indicate lack of large yield.

"What does it cost to keep records?" was a common question of the dairymen. In cow-testing associations, where the above-quoted records were made, the charge is \$1.50 a month for each cow, and in addition the board of the tester for one day each month. With feed, labor, and live stock so high, it certainly is imperative to eliminate every unnecessary expense like the "boarder" or "robber" cow that falls to pay for even her feed.

In the big room at the dairy show where the cows were stanchioned were several hundred comfortable seats. Here several times each day well-known dairymen from various parts of the country talked to the large audiences on dairy problems, illustrating their remarks with the cows of the demonstration herd. Especial emphasis was laid upon the value of records in economical management.

Cooperative bull associations were carefully described and their many advantages explained. That it was possible to have high-class bulls of the finest breeding for the use of a dairyman with only a few cows seemed to many farmers as too good to be true, especially when the cost was even less than in the case of scrub bulls. In this connection the charts that illustrated the conditions at Roland, Iowa, before and after the organization of a bull association, elicited much interest. At that place, for a yearly investment of \$7.50 each, the members have the use of five \$240 bulls for 10 years.

On the walls of the demonstration room were pictures of famous dairy animals, charts showing results of record keeping, etc. Adjoining were skeletons of milk or dairy houses, with the sides only partially finished, to show the construction; also a model of a dairy barn and of a silo. In the milk house was dairy equipment, and a man in charge answered questions on dairying and explained the construction of these and all other kinds of dairy buildings.

At regular periods demonstrations in the sterilization of milk utensils were given with the inexpensive farm sterilizer described in Farmers' Bulletin 748; these demonstrations were well attended.

There was also keen interest in every part of the demonstration, as may be judged from the fact that about 5,000 people listened to lectures and fully 15,000 viewed the exhibits.

Keep away from lawsuits. The only man who wins is the attorney.

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CANTON

Mrs. Wm. F. Mitchell, Jr., is spending a month in Peabody, Mass., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Mary Brewer. Mrs. Norman Baraby and daughter, Dorothy, of Livermore Falls have been guests of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Sweet and family.

Henry T. Fittell is visiting his brother at Locke's Mills.

Mrs. Abbie Proctor has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glines are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, William Raynes.

Miss Marguerite Hollis attended the public installation of the Lisbon Falls Chapter, O. E. S., last Thursday evening, and assisted in the entertainment with piano solos. While there she was the guest of her uncle, Wm. A. Hollis and family.

Mrs. Nellie Morse of Rumford has been a guest of Miss Clara M. Barrows.

Henry Richards attended the ice races at Winthrop and won second money with his racing horse.

Mrs. Donald B. Partridge is steadily gaining and has dispensed with one of her nurses.

The initiatory degree will be conferred at the next meeting of Anasagunticook Lodge.

Fred Standley is suffering with a fractured rib caused by falling from a load of hay.

Mrs. Sarah Tasker left Saturday for Exeter, N. H., for the remainder of the winter. She will also visit in Lawrence, Mass., and return to Canton in the spring.

The first of a series of progressive whist parties was held at Old Fellows block Thursday evening which was well attended and a most enjoyable evening spent. It is planned to hold six parties and prizes will be given. Orchestra music was furnished and dancing enjoyed.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Buck of Mechanic Falls have been guests of his brother, Charles Buck, of Gilbertville.

Mrs. Fred Hutchinson has been visiting in Rumford.

Revell Staples, a respected resident of Peru, passed away Friday morning after only a few days illness at the age of 72 years. Mr. Staples was born in Turner, the son of Daniel and Rebecca Davis Staples. His parents moved to Hartford when he was sixteen years of age and he has since resided in Canton and Hartford until a few years ago, when he moved to Peru. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Celia Gleason to whom were born three children, Viola, who passed away years ago, Winifred Karm of Livermore Falls and Alice Hathaway of Windsor, Conn. For his second wife he married Miss Della Oldham, who survives, together with six children, namely, Edwin, Sarah, (Mrs. Clark), Harry, Florence, Daniel and Thelma. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Caleb A. Lowell of Buckfield and Mrs. Wallace K. Russell of Hartford. The funeral was held Monday forenoon at the home of Miss L. B. Treatwell of the Canton P. B. Church officiating. The floral offerings were very beautiful.

The sad news of the death of Charles A. Mendall of Melrose, Mass., has been received by his cousin, Caleb E. Mendall. Mr. Mendall passed away Jan. 25 from neuritis of the heart and kidney trouble. He was born in Hartford, a son of Joseph and Emily A. (Lucas) Mendall and was 58 years of age. He married Miss Leta Johnston of Gilbertville who survives, together with two sons, Sherman and Richard. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Minerva Parsons of Hildesheim. Mr. Mendall acquired his education in the public schools and graduated with honors from Hebron Academy. Later he studied law, was admitted to the bar and has since been a successful lawyer in Melrose. He became a member of the Canton Free Baptist church when quite young and also united with Anasagunticook Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., of Canton.

Miss Clifford has resigned as teacher of the Canton Point school and the school is not in session at the present time.

A sociable will be held at Union Hall, Canton Point, Saturday evening.

"Little Son is Gaining"

Familiar signs of worms in children—Swollen stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional griping and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching nose, itching of the rectum, constant short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red spots sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, low fever. If your child shows any of these symptoms, start using Dr. Tano's Kidney, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, at once.

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Will Dority of Newfoundland has been a guest of Mrs. W. F. Standley and family.

A shower of cards has been given Mrs. C. L. Hutchinson of 73 Hampshire street, Auburn.

Miss Marion Tyler is in poor health.

NORWAY.

Archie Pratt of Farmington, who bought Benjamin Tucker's herd of Holstein cattle about a year ago, was in town the past week and visited at Mr. Tucker's.

Mrs. Valerie Jordan and Mrs. Angie Gore of Yarmouth were Sunday guests of Mr. Albert P. Bassett and Miss Lilian York.

Guy Harriman has gone to Mechanic Falls to work in the Winslow restaurant.

Cards have been received this week from Mrs. Harriet Harmon, who is at the Central Maine General Hospital, saying that she is quite comfortable.

Fred Moore from Portland and Harry V. Cole from that city spent the week end in town.

Frank Knight and three children, Helen, Mary and George, who have been spending several days at Beals Tavern, returned to their home in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., Sunday morning.

Mrs. Knight will remain for another week with her mother and sister, Mrs. Clara Hayden and Mrs. Fred E. Drake.

Stephen Jellerson, of the firm of Carroll-Jellerson shoe company, is in town for a few days.

Carl Stone has been entertaining Mr. Fletcher of Indianapolis, Ind., from the Van Camp Packing company. They were college friends and both worked for the Van Camp company.

C. Frank Cooke went to Weymouth, Mass., Saturday, to spend a few days with his family.

Miss Hattie Mason of Paris was a week end guest of Miss Florence Marston, Norway Lake.

James Bartlett went to the C. M. O. Hospital, Saturday for treatment.

Rev. Robert J. Bruce of the Second Congregational church was the officiating clergyman at the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Risks and Arthur Morris, which was solemnized at the new home of the bride couple, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, in the presence of about thirty friends.

The double ring service was used. The bride was very pretty in her gown of white silk, complemented with face and ribbon, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. Her bridesmaid was caught with the white dress. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rich. The wedding march

was played by Lloyd Fletcher and Roland McCormack, violins. Following the ceremony an informal reception was held, light refreshments being served. They were the recipients of many gifts in linen, silver, cut glass and china.

Mr. Morris came to this country from Greece several years ago, and has been in Norway about three years, where he has made many friends. Mrs. Morris has also lived in Norway three years, coming from Finland. They have a home ready for their occupancy in the R. O. Potter house, Water street.

A large number attended the evening service at the Congregational church, Sunday, when Rev. A. T. McWhorter, pastor of the South Paris Congregational church, spoke on "Bible Sunday in Action." Mr. McWhorter is a forceful, energetic speaker, and he held the close attention of his audience, as he depicted Mr. Sunday as he saw him in Boston.

The members of the Ladies' sewing circle of the Universalist church will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James N. Faver, Pleasant street.

Cards were received in town Friday reading as follows: "Mrs. Mary Plunkett has the honor of announcing the marriage of her sister, Miss Elizabeth Plunkett, to Doctor Stephen Perham Jewett, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth of January, One Thousand, nine hundred and seventeen in the City of New York." Dr. Jewett is the son of Mrs. Horace Cole of Norway, and at the present time is a specialist in psychopathology in the Rivercrest Hospital, New York, and has a large private practice, treating nervous diseases exclusively.

The dance at the Norway Lake Methodist Club hall Saturday evening was well attended, a number being present from Oxford, Paris Hill and West Paris. Ice cream was served at intermission.

Rev. C. G. Miller pastor of the Universalist church took for his text Sunday afternoon, Matthew 10:31, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." Rev. Robert J. Bruce offered prayer. A beautiful solo, "God Shall Wipe Your Tears Away," was sung by Mrs. Harold M. Allen.

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IMPORTED HIDES.

New Rules, Effective January 1, 1917, Governing Disinfection.

New and simplified regulations governing the disinfection and importation of hides, based on investigations in recent years, have been promulgated by joint action of the United States Treasury Department and the Department of Agriculture, to become effective January 1, 1917. Under these regulations the most stringent requirements are those for the exclusion of anthrax. The other diseases against which safeguards are established are foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest.

Principal Changes.

The principal changes in the regulations are:

Regulations are printed for the first time governing disinfection and admission of hair, wool, bones, horns, and hoofs.

Hides from countries not shown by United States consular agents or official veterinary or sanitary inspectors of the countries to be free from anthrax, if such hides are to be admitted on certificate, must be certified to have been immersed in a 1 to 1,000 bichlorid of mercury solution for 24 hours instead of 30 minutes, as under present regulations.

Hides in bales unaccompanied by certificate of freedom from anthrax, rinderpest, or foot-and-mouth disease, or by certificate of disinfection, will be admitted if such bales have been white-washed under United States consular supervision and the importer agrees to ship them in customed cases to a tannery provided with adequate facilities for disinfection, and to disinfect them in accordance with requirements of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture under supervision of an agent of that bureau.

Sun-dried hides from countries certified to be free from anthrax will be admitted without disinfection.

part of the committee "on preservation, perpetuation and increase of forest" was accompanied by a bill providing that the State land agent shall have full charge of all State forests including the power to enforce cuttings of the same. State forests would include all areas now owned or hereafter acquired by the State, which are now covered or hereafter planted to trees by the State, excepting the land owned by the State in the city of Augusta.

Representative Langley of Sidney introduced a bill to regulate the practice of Osteopathy, and to create a board of examination for those desiring to practice the same. The same gentleman introduced a bill to provide that each town shall annually elect by written ballot a road commissioner to hold office for one year. Rep. Holman of Ellsworth introduced a bill to grant legislative assent to the provisions of the federal aid road act, to authorize the State highway commission to cooperate with the federal government according to the provisions of the said act.

Senator Merrill of Remondet introduced the expected resolve in connection with the so-called liquor legislation, affecting the tenure of office of sheriffs. It provides that sheriffs, as now held office for two years "unless sooner removed" "whenever the governor and council upon complaint, due notice and hearing, shall find that a sheriff is not faithfully or efficiently performing any duty imposed upon him by the law, the Governor may remove such sheriff from office and, with the advice and consent of his Council appoint another sheriff in his place for the remainder of the term for which such removed sheriff was elected."

The reference of the proposed amendment to the people would come on the second Monday in September following the passage of the resolve.

Senator Hastings of Androscoggin introduced the "Tracer bill" calling for the appointment of a commission to take possession of the water powers of the State and develop and sell electric power at prices from \$20 to \$50 per horsepower per year.

One of the important measures was introduced last week, Tuesday. It was the bill by Butler of Portland, representative for the creation of a board of prison commissioners which shall have direct charge and supervision of the State prison, shall appoint the warden, chaplain and physician, the warden to appoint the other officers.

In connection with this prison bill, the budget hearing on the State prison may be related. Neither the warden of the prison nor the chairman of the prison committee was present when the hearing was called. Five members of the committee were in attendance, however, and told of their recent visit to the prison. A partially constructed new wing, for which \$60,000 was appropriated two years ago was found. The work has been almost wholly done by the prisoners. The cells, about 60, are of concrete, a little larger and better equipped. The prisoners number 200, of whom eight are females.

Why Not Buy It in Maine?

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GRANGE NEWS.

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Pierce. Voted to send the Lecturer to the Lecturers' Conference. Captains Jackson and Abbott completed arrangements for the contest. All sick members reported as gaining. A. P. Crocker is the new janitor and assumed his duties Jan. 15. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred in the forenoon at the next meeting on Feb. 10. The afternoon will be devoted to the content work, as the first of a series of programs will be presented by the captains then. Topics Managing the head and incubator, discussion led by Harry Goodwin. Visitors present: Sister Mary Wilham, Frederick Robie, R. H. Nason, Waterford, and Ronald Lapham, Cascale Grange, Oakland. Working Master gave notice that a public producers meeting would be held at the hall on Friday, Feb. 2, at 2 P. M.

WEST PARIS GRANGE.

At the last regular meeting of West Paris Grange held Saturday, the re-elected Lecturer, Mrs. Adley R. Paell was installed, as she was ill and unable to be present at the installation of the officers. First and second degrees were also conferred on candidates. The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, and will be an all day meeting. The first, second, third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates. The literary program will be as follows: Roll Call, Stories or Quotations from the lives of Lincoln and Washington; Question in form of debate, "Will it pay for the farmers to spend more time and care in picking and packing their apples?" affirmative, F. L. Wyman, Alanson Cummings, negative, Lorenzo Littlehale, Clayton Churchhill; Music; Mrs. Candler; Current Lecture; Mrs. Lena Hubler; Music; Three reasons why women should vote, Sisters Ball, Stetson, Tonia Littlehale; Three reasons why women should not vote, Sisters Grover, Welch, Churchhill; Closing Song. The musical program will be in charge of Clayton Churchhill. It was voted to invite Frank Grange to meet with West Paris on Feb. 10. It was also voted to invite Pleasant Pond Grange on Feb. 24.

COUNTY AGENT WORK.

Improvements in Farming Methods Due to Demonstration Work of States Relations Service.

Through development of improved organization and the growth of a more definite project system the Office of Extension Work in the North and West carried its demonstration activities into closer relation to the practical needs of the farmers of the region during the past year, according to the annual report of the States Relations Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Local associations of farmers took a greater part in the work and more attention was devoted to studies of local economic facts upon which to develop demonstrations of permanent value. Extension work in the special interests of farm women was undertaken in the territory under the office, and a number of women agents were placed in the field.

Among the specific results from the county agent work of the Office of Extension Work in the North and West during the year were:

Yields of corn in fields managed as demonstrations increased on an average 120 bushels per acre over the average yields for the region.

Yields of wheat in fields managed as demonstrations increased 3.4 bushels per acre.

Yields of oats in fields managed as demonstrations increased 11.7 bushels per acre.

Alfalfa was introduced on 11,311 acres.

Several score registered stallions and mares and several hundred registered bulls and hares were placed on farms.

Nearly a thousand Red Bulls became careful in their communities because of danger of rabies were saved from the flock and transferred to other communities.

One hundred and forty three cow testing associations, 60 live stock testing associations, and 143 hog cholera control associations were organized.

More than 500,000 hogs were vaccinated against cholera.

Better farm management was promoted through assistance given to the farmers in determining the factors that make for success or failure in farm enterprises.

Farmers' exchanges and cooperative marketing associations were organized and effected large savings to members.

Three hundred and twenty one water-supply systems were introduced into farm homes.

AMERICAN SUBSTY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, 100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$3,415,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	75,821.50
Collateral Loans,	205,110.28
Stocks and Bonds,	4,333,421.33
Cash in Office and Bank,	1,149,819.87
Agents' Balances,	776,515.93
Interest and Rents,	40,806.25
All other Assets,	478,193.74
Gross Assets,	\$10,473,570.31
Debit items not admitted,	808,472.57
Admitted Assets,	\$9,665,097.74
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 780,826.00
Unearned Premiums,	2,297,458.05
All other Liabilities,	153,535.53
Cash Capital,	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,259,074.76

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$9,665,097.74

2131-F.

EQUITABLE ACCIDENT COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$ 3,950.00
Stocks and Bonds,	148,000.75
Cash in Office and Bank,	13,405.51
Interest and Rents,	1,970.88
All other Assets,	797.25
Gross Assets,	\$168,844.39
Admitted Assets,	\$168,844.39
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$12,590.55
Unearned Premiums,	10,004.50
All other Liabilities,	3,475.57
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	42,773.71

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$168,844.39

2131-F.

THE CENTRAL MANUFACTURERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., VAN WERT, OHIO.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$ 40,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	213,500.00
Stocks and Bonds,	517,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	67,002.52
Agents' Balances,	123,385.75
Interest and Rents,	8,732.43
All other Assets,	16,013.00
Gross Assets,	\$1,001,133.73
Admitted Assets,	\$1,001,133.73
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 73,534.07
Unearned Premiums,	415,916.47
All other Liabilities,	39,542.78
Surplus over all Liabilities,	472,040.43

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,001,133.73

2131-F.

THE VERMONT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, MONTPELIER, VERMONT.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$ 50,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	149,247.41
Agents' Balances,	201,504.27
All other Assets,	1,534.47
Gross Assets,	\$402,046.15
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 14,155.93
Unearned Premiums,	43,829.17
All other Liabilities,	44,538.36
Surplus over all Liabilities,	299,077.77

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$402,046.15

2131-F.

SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$ 212,724.30
Mortgage Loans,	131,900.60
Stocks and Bonds,	5,860,010.11
Cash in Office and Bank,	474,244.46
Agents' Balances,	632,132.25
Interest and Rents,	87,166.25
Gross Assets,	\$7,197,537.77
Debit items not admitted,	521,518.03
Admitted Assets,	\$6,676,019.74
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 336,649.00
Unearned Premiums,	2,657,291.21
All other Liabilities,	171,233.11
Capital Deposit,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	3,302,860.43

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,676,019.74

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Mr. Richard Hughes of the Woolworth store has left town for Augusta where he will assume the management of the Woolworth store in that place.

Mr. Files of Amesbury, Mass., will succeed Mr. Hughes at Rumford.

Frank Biebee and Ralph Stetson have left for Detroit, Mich., where they have secured employment.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker has been named Theodore Donald.

Mrs. Adam Young and son, Norman, have gone to Auburn to visit relatives.

The following officers of the Rumford Rifle Club have been elected for the coming year:—President, A. W. Freckler; Vice President, B. H. Bean; Secretary, H. C. Frost; Treasurer, J. J. Sullivan, Jr.; Executive Officers, W. E. Sturtevant.

This club has now between 45 and 50 members, and is affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

Miss Bessie McMenamin has completed her duties in the office of the tax collector, and has left for Portland for a visit with her sister, Mrs. P. J. McBrady.

Miss Bernice Steinfeld of Berlin, N. H., is recuperating nicely at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Leopold Schomauer, on Franklin street from a nervous breakdown.

Miss Rena Berry has left for an extended visit with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Olive Bartlett has left for Norway, where she will work for the Standard Publishing Company of Boston.

The restaurant that has been conducted by A. A. Dunham at 19 Congress street has been sold to James Banes of Rumford and Charles Peters of Lynn, Mass.

Mr. Peters is an expert chef, and has had many years of experience in some of the largest hotels in the country. He intends to make some changes at the restaurant which will better accommodate the patrons.

The restaurant has been named the "Olympia Restaurant." Mr. Dunham has gone to Roxbury, Me., where he has several camps to attend to. He intends to build a summer hotel at Roxbury Pond which will contain a fairly good sized dining room. Mrs. Dunham who recently underwent a delicate operation at a New York hospital, is fast regaining her health.

At a meeting of the Rumford Chapter of Commerce, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, James W. Harris; 1st Vice President, Eliza Pratt; 2nd Vice President, H. S. Coker; Directors, Hon. Walter Pettigall, Charles A. Mixer, Joseph A. Tarnow, Roscoe E. Swain; Clerk, Fred W. Davis. Many matters of importance were discussed by the organization among which was the tuberculosis situation in Rumford, and it was voted to request the selectmen to have inserted in the warrant for the annual meeting an article calling for an appropriation for the building of a tuberculosis hospital where patients could be kept until they could be entered in some State hospital. Another meeting will soon be held when this subject will be further discussed, also the subject of the Grand State Wide Highway bill that has been introduced into the Legislature, for which the chapter has voted to contribute the sum of \$250.00 and in the work of getting the bill enacted.

The building known as "Rumford" located on the corner of Hayford and Canal streets will be sold at auction on Saturday, Feb. 3.

At a regular meeting of Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers Union, No. 10, it was voted, that beginning April 1,

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1915 BIRD COUNT.

Average Farm in Northeast Has 124 Pairs—125 Pairs on 100 Acres in Plains Region.

One hundred and twenty-four pairs of birds nest and raise their families on the average farm of 108 acres in the Northeastern States, according to estimates based upon the second annual bird count conducted by the Bureau of Department of Agriculture. In that part of the plains region east of the one-hundredth meridian the counts would indicate almost exactly the same density of bird population, 125 pairs of nesting birds to each 100 acres. In the Northern States, where the counts were limited to the part of the farm surrounding the home, which naturally supports more birds than the tilled areas, there seem to be on the farms where counts were taken 131 pairs of nesting birds to each 100 acres. The counts so far received, however, from these areas do not furnish a sufficient basis for estimating the birds on the remainder of the farm.

In the Northeastern States it was estimated that the average bird population of each 100 acres of isolated woodland under observation was 199 pairs, while the average bird population for each 100 acres of the area covered was 125 pairs. The reports from the Rocky Mountain States would indicate that the bird population is smaller in this section.

Thirty acre tracts in New Mexico indicated 17 pairs to 80 acres or 21 pairs to each 100 acres. In the irrigated district of western Colorado two reports indicated that irrigated land in orchard and in fields of grain and root crops supported a bird population of 60 pairs per 100 acres, but on contiguous non-irrigated land the bird life shrunk to 5 pairs for 100 acres. In Arizona a 40 acre tract containing only a few houses, and for the most part covered with desert shrubs, showed a bird population of 59 pairs of 25 species, of which 22 were insectivores. A semidesert tract of the same size, covered with brush and less than 10 feet high, showed 11 pairs of 18 species. In the mountain states of Arizona, near Flagstaff, a tract of 24 acres covered with yellow pine

and Gambel oak supported a bird population of 31 pairs of 18 species.

In California 20 acres of the campus of the University of California showed 87 pairs of 23 species. A tract near Gilroy, Cal., containing 30 acres of fruit and about 8 acres of pasture and creek bottom, gave the unusual figure of 176 pairs of 34 species on 38 acres. A similarly dense, though less varied, bird population was found in a 52-acre peach orchard near Port Clinton, Ohio. This showed 169 pairs of common farm birds, 36 pairs of purple martins, and 6 pairs of English sparrows, a total of 151 pairs of 29 species.

In the South the counts showed an average of 77 pairs of 20 species and 53 pairs of English sparrows on 83 acres in Florida; in Louisiana an average of 95 pairs of 29 species on 53 acres; and the counts from Texas indicate an average of 91 pairs of birds of 21 species on 69 acres. The average of all counts received from the Southern States is 76 pairs of birds of 23 species on a farm of 58 acres.

On the 230 acres on the Cornell University campus at Ithaca, N. Y., a very careful study indicated 573 pairs of nesting birds, an average of 169 pairs of native nesting birds per 100 acres, and 56 nesting pairs of English sparrows per 100 acres, or a total of 225 nesting birds per 100 acres. A similar count made near Bluebeck, N. Y., in a 210-acre section indicated 54 different kinds represented by 366 pairs, nearly the same per acre as shown at Cornell University.

The results of the 1915 bird count just published by the Biological Survey indicate an average of 8 pairs of robins and 6 pairs of English sparrows on each farm of 100 acres where the count was made in the Northeastern States. The average of all reports for two years shows 7 pairs of robins and 5 1/2 pairs of English sparrows for each farm covered in this section.

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WEST PARIS

Pine Cone Whist Club gave a very delightful Old Folks Ball, Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance.

A special meeting of Granite Chapter, O. E. S., was held Monday evening for the purpose of installing two officers who could not be installed at the regular installation.

Mrs. C. E. Stearns and daughter, Ellen Louise, were week end guests of Mrs. W. M. Whitten.

Mrs. L. H. Penley has returned from Boston. She heard Billy Sunday preach while there.

Mrs. Almira Richardson of Dickvale is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Churchill. Miss Stella Churchill is in very bad condition and confined to her room at latest reports.

The basketball game between Bryant's Pond team and West Paris town team, Saturday evening, was won by West Paris. A dance followed the game.

The Farmers' Institute held a meeting at Grange Hall, Tuesday forenoon. A very profitable meeting of milk men was held Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Dennen, who is staying with her niece, Mrs. E. B. Davis, at Woodstock, spent the week end at her home here. Mrs. Dennen expects to remain there until the last of February.

Mrs. Sara Curtis has returned from Gorham and will soon go to Portland for a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. L. C. Bates is ill from grip and malaria and has a trained nurse.

ANDOVER

Marian Learned is working at Glenellis.

The King's Daughters meet Thursday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy.

Ray Thurston spent the first of the week with his family.

Mrs. Emma Adams has gone to Gorham, Me., for a few weeks to visit her daughter, Mrs. David Sturgis.

Edward Pratt had an ill attack last week.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rand. Sixteen members were present and the first prizes were won by Mrs. Clayton Sweet and Fred Smith, consolation prizes being won by Charles Ripley and Mrs. Rand. Delicious refreshments were served.

Clarence Bailey, who is working at Black Brook for Lee Thurston, spent Sunday at his home.

Ellie Akers was at Rumford, Saturday.

Henry L. Poor has been cutting ice for parties this week.

Mary Hevey was a guest of Marian Learned, Tuesday of last week.

Henry Howard, who has been in New York, has returned home.

Mrs. Owen Lovejoy has gone to Lynn, Mass., for a few weeks visit with her parents.

Rev. George Graham preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning from the text taken from the 12th chapter of Daniel. Services were held in the evening.

Frank Field has gone to the Lakes for all day meeting in the hall Saturday.

The Juvenile Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Akers. Mrs. Homer Cutting and Albert Crossman won the first prizes and Mrs. Lewis Akers and Will Learned the second. Refreshments were served.

Calot Lodge, K. of P., worked the rank of Esquire on a candidate Friday evening.

At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid the following committees were chosen:—Social, Mrs. Emma Adams, Mrs. Fred Milton, Mrs. Abbie Poor, Annie Akers, Apron, Mrs. Emma Lovejoy, Mrs. Olive Lovejoy, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Edward Pratt, Nancy Work, Mrs. Y. A. Thurston, Evelyn Smith, Mrs. Olive Dresser Akers. Refreshments, Mrs. Albert Crossman, Mrs. John Balby, Mrs. I. E. Mills, Ellen Akers. Collector, Mrs. Arthur Long, Mrs. Frank McAllister.

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GROVER HILL.

Mr. Dexter Mills, road commissioner, asked for the road bills to be sent in this week.

Mr. W. H. Hutchinson is cutting pine for R. H. Mayberry's woods for Mr. Lyman Wheeler, who is lumbering.

Mr. A. L. Whitman is hauling birch to Sawyer's mill.

All of the grip patients here are slowly gaining.

Mr. Ed Stearns was in this place Monday P. M., on business.

Paul Stearns harvested ice the first of the week.

Mr. Will Hutchinson's eye, which he injured a number of years ago, is very troublesome this winter, causing him considerable pain.

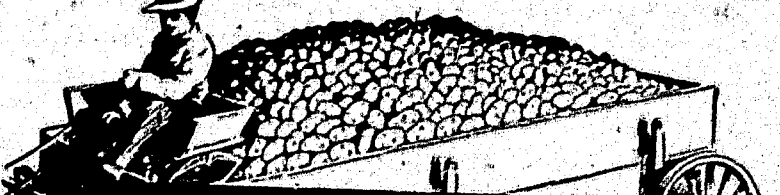
Ingalls McAllister attends to Harry Rogers' chores during Mr. Lyon's absence in Auburn.

TESTING DAIRY COWS.

Increased Profits as Result of Co-operative Work—Bull Associations Raise Quality of Herds.

Increases of from \$10 to \$15 and in some cases much higher in the annual profits from each dairy cow have resulted from the organization of co-operative cow-testing associations in the United States, according to statistics gathered by the Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. The expense of membership in these associations, on the other hand, has been only about \$1.50 per cow per year. The organizations therefore have been very profitable.

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Washington Correspondent Preparing to Launch Monthly at National Capital.

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And your work will be attractive, and the world will stop to look,
And the world will see a sweetness, like the tinkling of a brook,
In the finished job; and then the world will turn to look at you
With a world's appreciation of the thing you've found to do.

Just a little bit of love, and a little bit of song,
And some pride to sort of make it straight and true and clean and strong;
And the work that you're doing, pretty near before you know,
Will have set the world a talking, and the little winds that blow
Will bring echoes of it to you, and you'll see that you have done
More than you had dreamed or hoped for when the task was first begun;
And you'll find the bit of love you have put into the same
Has come back to you in love, and come back to you in fame.

Then that strife for fame shall make it and that's what they ought to do;
But if you put some gladness, and if you put some of you
In the task that is before you, and you put a bit of love
Into it, and you go on it glad of heart and eager eye,
You will find the world is turning to soon to look your way.
And you'll find that there's a sweetness in the task of every day.
And the world will see your work and get it soon will speak your name;
And you'll find you have found love, and you'll find you have found fame.

THE SHADOWS.

By Oliver Wendell Holmes (Rhansas from poem he wrote for the class reunion in 1893)
"How many have gone?" was the question of old
The time our bright ring of its jeweled beads;
And for too often the death-bell has tolled,
And the question we ask is, "How many are left?"

How narrow the circle that holds us tonight!
How many the loved ones that greet us no more,
As we meet like the stragglers that come from the fight,
Like the mariners flung from a wreck on the shore!

We look through the twilight for those we have lost;
The stream rolls between us, and yet they seem near;
Already outnumbered by those who have crossed,
Our boat is transplanted, its home is not here!

They smile on us still—is it only a dream?

While fondly or proudly their names we recall,
They beckon—they come—they are crossing the stream—
Let the Shadowed the Shadowed room—room for them all!

WHAT THE BIRDS SAY.

By G. T. Feltzinger
It is so warm what the birds say! The sparrows, the dove,
The least and the thrush say "I love and I love!"

What it says I don't know, but it sings a love song
That goes to the heart, and the heart is warm weather,
And singing, and loving all come back together
That the love is so kind of gladness and love.

The green fields below him, the blue sky above,
That he sings and he sings, and for what sings he—
"I have my love, and my love loves me!"

THE SOLDIER'S BURIAL.

The sun was falling in the west,
But full with glowing rays
Through the branches of a forest,
Where a dying soldier lay.
North the shades of the pale moon,
South the sunny southern sky,
Far away from the New England land,
We laid him down to die.

A group had gathered 'round him—

His comrades in the fight;
But their hearts sank deep within them,
As he breathed his last good night.
One dear friend and companion
Had knelt down by his side,
Trying to stay the lifeblood flow;
It was all in vain he tried.

But their hearts sank deep within them,
As they saw that it was vain,
And on his beloved companion
The tears fell down like rain.
"Harry," spoke the dying soldier;
"Harry, weep no more for me;
I am crossing the dark river,
Where all beyond is free.

"Stand up, comrades, gather 'round me;
Listen to the words I say:
There is something I would tell you
'Tis my soul will pass away.
Far away in old New England,
In that dear old Pine Tree State,
There is one who for my coming
With a saddened heart will wait.

"A fair young girl, my sister,
My blessing and my pride,
My care and joy from boyhood,
For I had none beside.
I've no mother—she lies sleeping
Beneath the churchyard soil—
It is many, many years
Since her spirit went to God.

"I've no father; he lies sleeping
Beneath the cold, dark sea;
I've no brother, I've no kindred—
There were only Nell and me;
But I sorrow for the future
Of that loved one, true and brave;
When her only friend and brother
Sleeps in a soldier's grave.

"When our country was invaded
And had called for volunteers,
She threw her arms around me,
And, braving all tears,
Said: "Go, my darling brother,
Drive the traitors from our shore,
Though my heart will need thy presence,
Yet thy country needs thee more.

"And, although my heart seems bursting,
I will not bid thee stay,
But here, in our old homestead,
I will wait thee day by day.
But, my comrades, I am dying,
And shall never see her more;
In vain she'll wait my coming
By that little cottage door.

"I have loved my country truly,
I have given her my all,
But for my darling sister—
I should be content to fall.
I have loved her as a brother should,
And with a father's care;
I have striven from grief and sorrow
Her tender heart to spare.

"Stand up, comrades, closely, listen,
Listen to my dying prayer,
Who will be to her a brother,
Shield her with a father's care!
The soldiers spoke together,
Like one voice it seemed to fall:
"We shall be to us a sister,
We'll protect her, one and all."

A smile of radiant brightness
A halo o'er him shed,
One quick, conclusive shudder,
And the soldier boy was dead.
On the banks of the Potomac
We laid him down to rest,
With his knapsack for his pillow
And his musket on his breast.

BRYANT'S POND.

By Christopher C. No. 41, U. S. R. of P. is now in practice for the new drill to be given with their annual ball March 4th. Capt. Gordon will have charge of the affair. There will also be a feature drill by twenty-one boys.

The village basketball club played their first game at West Park, Thursday evening. West Park won 20 to 12. Twelve went from here to witness the game and attend the ball. A return game will be played at the opera house in about ten days. The players are: Lester Bryant, Aubrey Cummings, James D. Parsons, Otto Noyes and Edmie Howe.

Mrs. Sarah J. Mallet died Jan. 23 at her home in North Woodstock, aged 75. She was the widow of the late Cyrus Mallet and had been a resident of the village for some thirty-five years. She leaves three sons by a former marriage, Joseph and John Thurlow of this town and Amos Thurlow of Mechanic Falls. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the home, attended by Rev. E. H. Stover.

There was a riot on the ice Saturday between the players owned by H. E. Littlefield and Forrest Mellesville. The Mellesville team won. There will be another race later and it is expected there will be some speedy ones there. The spokesmen's ball brought out a good crowd who enjoyed the music of Walter's Orchestra until a late hour. The proceeds were given to the new bank, who extended a vote of thanks to H. A. Day and others for the assistance.

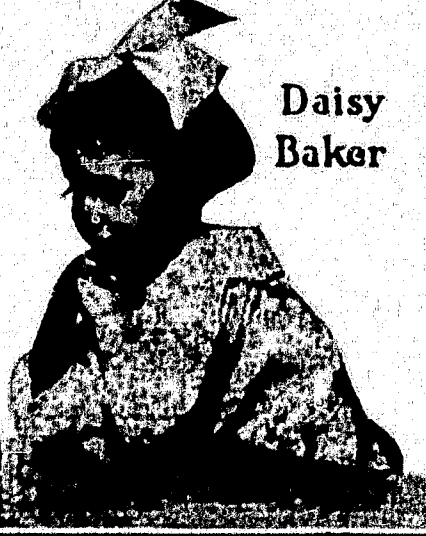
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LABEL LEGEND LAPSES.

New Way for Manufacturers to Guarantee Foods and Drugs is Explained by United States Department of Agriculture.

The following legend, so familiar in the past on food and drug packages, "Guaranteed by Manufacturer, under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906, Serial Number 255324," is disappearing from labels. A method for guaranteeing foods and drugs which will be less misleading to the public has been provided by the officials in charge of the enforcement of the Food and Drug Act. Under the new plan manufacturers may guarantee their products on the invoice or bill of sale, or by certain other methods, but according to a food inspection decision which became effective on November 1, 1916, they may not make any statement regarding a guaranty or serial number on the labels of packages of foods or drugs which enter interstate or foreign commerce. However, labels containing the guaranty legend and serial number which were printed prior to May 5, 1914, the date on which the first notice to discontinue the guaranty legend and serial number was issued, may be used until May 1, 1918, in order to prevent the loss that otherwise would occur from the destruction of such labels.

The New Way to Guarantee.

The manufacturer, wholesaler, or other person dealing in the United States and shipping foods or drugs into interstate commerce, according to the amended regulation, may print or stamp his guaranty on the invoice, bill of sale, or on any commercial paper that contains a list of the items of foods or drugs which he intends to guarantee. The United States Department of Agriculture does not prescribe the exact form that the guaranty shall take, but is of the opinion that the following wording will be satisfactory: "I, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee that the articles of food (and drugs) listed herein are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the Federal Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906, as amended." This statement should be followed by the signature, which may be printed or stamped, if the invoice or other document is transmitted by the guarantor direct to the dealer, and the address of the guarantor.

Why the Change Was Made.

Originally it was provided in the rules and regulations that the man-

ufacturer or wholesaler who desired to guarantee that his products complied with the Food and Drug Act might obtain a general guaranty with the Department of Agriculture to the effect that the foods or drugs he shipped into interstate commerce were not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of that act. Upon the receipt of a properly executed guaranty the department assigned a serial number to the manufacturer or wholesaler who filed the guaranty. The manufacturer or wholesaler was authorized to use this number on his labels to indicate that the guaranty which he had filed with the department covered the products on which the number was used. After this method had been in operation for some time it was found that the guaranty legend on the label was misleading to the public. It was incorrectly assumed by consumers generally and some retail dealers that the guaranty legend on the label meant that a sample of the product had been examined by the United States Department of Agriculture and that in effect the United States Department of Agriculture actually guaranteed the product.

Object of the Guaranty.

The Food and Drug Act provides that no dealer shall be prosecuted under the provisions of that act when he can establish a guaranty signed by the wholesaler, jobber, manufacturer, or other party residing in the United States, from whom he purchases articles of food and drugs. The guaranty should be to the effect that the foods and drugs to which it applies are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the act. The object of this provision is to make the manufacturer or wholesaler or person who knows the composition of the food and drug products responsible for their compliance with the provisions of the law. In many cases a dealer does not know the composition of the products he sells, and can not afford the expense of having an analysis made in order to determine it for himself. A provision, therefore, was inserted in the law to the effect that, if the dealer secured a guaranty from the manufacturer or wholesaler or other person from whom he purchases, the party making the guaranty would be responsible under the law, and the dealer would be relieved of responsibility. The dealer should see that all his foods and drugs which have entered interstate commerce, or which he expects to ship in interstate or foreign commerce, or to sell in the District of Columbia or the

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be made by mixing equal parts of cracked corn and wheat. This should be scattered through the litter in the morning, in order to keep the birds busy all day long.

A good laying mash can be made by thoroughly mixing: 40 lbs. wheat bran, 40 lbs. middlings, 40 lbs. cornmeal, 40 lbs. ground oats, 40 lbs. gluten meal, 40 lbs. beef scraps, 10 lbs. alfalfa meal, 10 lbs. oil meal and 1 lb. salt.

Such a mash should be fed dry and be kept before your birds at all times. This mash in connection with the grain feed, forms a diet that provides material for about equal numbers of egg yolks and whites. It is therefore what is called a balanced ration.

Neither grain nor mash, however, provides hens with the mineral matter required in the formation of egg shells, therefore, have ground oyster shells before them at all times. They should also have constant access to plenty of grit and charcoal. The grit enables them to grind their food so that it can be easily digested and the charcoal acts as a corrective and absorbent of gases.

Also, hens should each day receive a beautiful supply of sprouted oats, alfalfa cubes, beets, mangels or small potatoes. It has been said that hens turn grass into greenbacks and no poultry owner who wants eggs can afford to neglect feeding some kind of succulent green material regularly.

Buttermilk or skim milk, too, has been found to be a great aid to egg production and if it is possible for you to feed either regularly, you can decrease the quantity of beef scraps in the mash one half.

Lastly, don't forget to keep the flocks always full, for 75 per cent of a hen's body and 65 per cent of a newly laid egg is water.

By following these suggestions the egg basket will begin to fill up at a surprising rate—and eggs are money at this time of year.

INCREASING USE OF UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAPS.

The project of covering the United States with accurate topographic surveys was definitely adopted by the Federal Government in 1882, and the work is even now less than half completed. The standards of accuracy and refinement in topographic surveying have been constantly raised by the topographic engineers, with the view of meeting adequately every use to which the resulting maps can be put. The law provides for the sale of the United States Geological Survey maps at the cost of printing, a charge that must be considered merely nominal when it is realized that the cost of an edition of the printed map may be only a small percentage of the cost of surveying the area it represents. The Government itself is making a large and increasing use of these topographic maps, but the expenditure of public funds for these surveys is otherwise fully warranted only as the public uses the maps. To promote this use, the Survey has recently given more attention to the wide distribution of the maps.

The distribution of a Government map is largely a problem of publicity, though the necessity of adopting commercial business methods in handling orders for the maps when once a demand is created must not be overlooked. In informing the public of the existence of authoritative maps published by the Federal Government a special effort is now made to reach the communities in each area covered by a map, and to this end every map as issued is brought to the attention of the local and State press, as well as of postmasters and school teachers.

Scout Masters and Schoolboys as Agents.

Other methods of promoting wider distribution involve the cooperation of boy scout masters, schoolboys, and hotel managers, as well as of a large number of bookstores as local agents.

Within the last year the most helpful publicity has been gained through the voluntary cooperation of several press services and magazines of large circulation, in connection with their policy of bringing the people into closer touch with the work and publications of the Federal Government. The publication in one magazine of a brief statement regarding the Geological Survey's maps resulted within a month in orders for 550 maps and thousands of inquiries for the State indexes that show the areas already mapped.

The periods of maximum demand for these Government maps are the beginning of the vacation period and the beginning of the school year. The larger use of topographic maps in 1915-16, both in the open and in the classroom, is a gratifying index of the popular benefit already resulting from the increase in the work of publicity. (37th Ann. Report U. S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.)

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CHAPTER I.

Introducing Her.

None but the residents consider Mount Mark, Iowa, much of a town, and the very most patriotic of them all has no word of praise for the ugly little red C. B. & Q. railway station. Mount Mark is anything but proud of the little station. At the same time it certainly does owe the railroad and the state a debt of gratitude for its presence there. It is the favorite social rendezvous for the community! The arrival of a passenger train in Mount Mark is an event—something in the nature of a C. B. & Q. "at home," and is always attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering of "our best people." All that is lacking are the proverbial "light refreshments!"

So it happened that one sultry morning, late in the month of August, there was the usual flutter of excitement and confusion on the platform and in the waiting room of the station. The habitués were there in force. Conspicuous among them were four gayly dressed young men, smoking cigarettes and gazing with lack-luster eyes upon the animated scene, which evidently bored them.

The Daily News reporter, in a well-circulated light gray suit and tan shoes, and with eyeglasses scientifically balanced on his aquiline nose, was making pointed inquiries into the private plans of the travelers. The young woman going to Burlington to spend the weekend was surrounded with about fifteen other young women who had come to "see her off." Mount Mark is a very respectable town, but it understood, and girls do not go to the station without an escort.

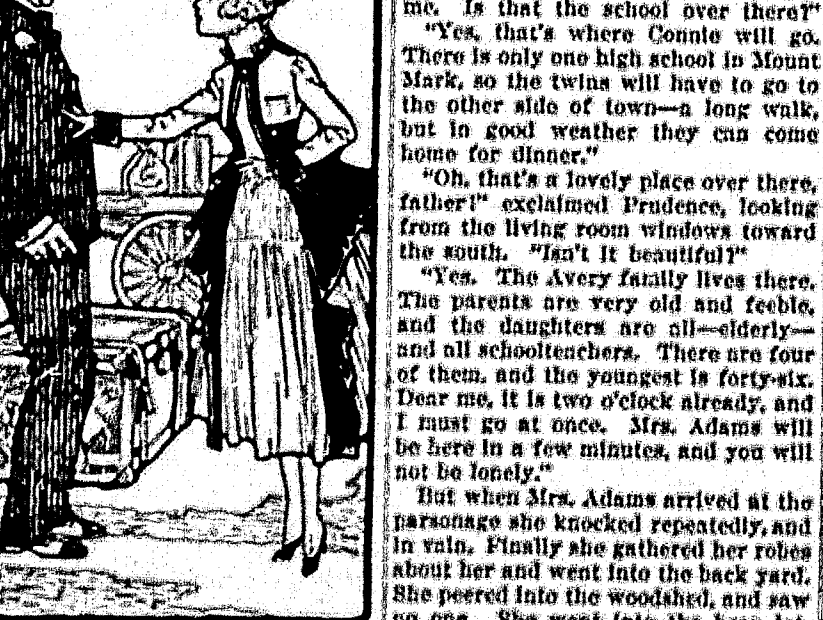
A man in a black business suit stood alone on the platform, his hands in his pockets, his eyes wandering from one to another of the strange faces about him. His plain white ready-made coat proclaimed his calling.

"It's the new Methodist minister," volunteered the baggage master, crossing the platform. "I know him. He's not a bad sort."

"They say he's got five kids, and most of 'em girls," responded the Adams express man. "I want to be on hand when they get here, to pick out a girl."

"Yah!" mocked the telegraph operator, bobbing his head through the window. "You need to. They tell me every girl in Mount Mark has turned you down already."

But the Methodist minister, gazing away down the track, where a thin curl of smoke announced the coming of No. 9 and Prudence—heard nothing.



"Run, Father, Run!"

of this conversation. He was not a handsome man. His hair was gray at the temples, his face was earnest, only saved from severity by the little clusters of lines at his eyes and mouth, which proclaimed that he laughed often and with relief.

"Train going east?" The minister stood back from the crowd, but when the train came pounding in a brightness leaped into his eyes. A slender girl stood in the vestibule, waving wildly at him a small gloved hand. When the train stopped she leaped lightly from the steps.

"Father!" she cried excitedly, and almost and slight as she was, she bowed her way swiftly through the jostling crowd. "Oh, father! And she flung her arms about him joyously, unconsciously of admiring eyes. Her father kissed her warmly. "Where is your baggage?" he asked, a hand held out to relieve her.

"Here!" And with a radiant smile she thrust upon him a box of candy and a gaudy-covered magazine. "Your suitcase," he explained patiently. "Oh!" she gasped. "Run, father run! I left it on the train!"

Father did run, but Prudence, fleet-footed, outdistanced him and clambered on board, panting.

When she rejoined her father her face was flushed. "Oh, father," she said quite snappily, "isn't that just like me?"

"Yes, very like," he agreed, and he smiled.

"And so this is Mount Mark! Isn't it a funny name, father? Why do they call it Mount Mark?"

"I don't know. I hadn't thought to inquire. We turn here, Prudence. This is Main street. The city part of the town—the business part—is to the south."

"It's a pretty street, isn't it?" she cried. "Such nice big maples, and such shady, porchy houses. I love houses with porches, don't you? Has the parsonage a porch?"

"Yes, a big one on the south, and a tiny one in front. We have the house fixed up pretty well, Prudence, but of course you'll have to go over it yourself and arrange it as you like. I must go to a trustees' meeting at two o'clock, but we can get a good deal done before then. Mrs. Adams is coming to help you this afternoon. She is one of our Ladies, and very kind. There, that is the parsonage!"

Prudence gazed in silence. Many would not have considered it a beautiful dwelling, but to Prudence it was heavenly. Fortunately the wide, grassy, shaded lawn greeted one first. Great spreading maples bordered the street, and clustering redbushes lined the walk leading up to the house. The parsonage, to Prudence's gratified eyes, looked homely, and big, and inviting. There were many windows, and the well-known lace curtains looked down upon Prudence tripping happily up the little board walk—or so it seemed to her.

"Two whole stories, and an attic besides! Not to mention the bathroom! Oh, father, the night after you wrote there was a bathroom, Constance thanked God for it when she said her prayers. And a furnace, too! And electric lights! Oh, we have waited a long time for it, and we've been so patient indeed, but, between you and me, father, I am most mightily glad we've hit the lucky land at last. I'm sure we'll all feel much more religious in a parsonage that has a bathroom and electric lights! Oh, father!"

He had thrown open the door, and Prudence stood upon the threshold of her new home. Together she and her father went from room to room, upstairs and down, moving a table to the left, a bed to the right—according to her own good pleasure. Afterward they had a cozy luncheon for two in the "dining room."

"Oh, it is so elegant to have a dining room," breathed Prudence happily. "I always pretended it was rather fun, and a great saving of work, to eat and cook and study and live in one room, but inwardly the idea always outraged me. Is that the school over there?"

"Yes, that's where Connie will go. There is only one high school in Mount Mark, so the twins will have to go to the other side of town—a long walk, but in good weather they can come home for dinner."

"Oh, that's a lovely place over there, father!" exclaimed Prudence, looking from the living room windows toward the south. "That is beautiful!"

"Yes, the Avery family lives there. The parents are very old and feeble, and the daughters are all—elderly—and all schoolteachers. There are four of them, and the youngest is forty-six. Dear me, it is two o'clock already, and I must go at once. Mrs. Adams will be here in a few minutes, and you will not be lonely."

But when Mrs. Adams arrived at the parsonage she knocked repeatedly, and in vain. Finally she gathered her robes about her and went into the back yard. She peered into the woodshed, and saw no one. She went into the barn lot, and found it empty. In despair, she planned into the barn—and stopped abruptly.

In a shadowy corner was a slender figure kneeling beside an overturned nail keg, her face buried in her hands. Evidently this was Prudence engaged in prayer—and in the barn, of all places in the world!

"A-a-a—hem!" stammered Mrs. Adams inquiringly. "This was spoken aloud and hurriedly, and Prudence leaped to her feet. Her fair hair clung about her face in damp, babyish tendrils, and her face was flushed and dusty, but she smiled with friendly interest. She ran forward eagerly, thrusting forth a slim and girlish hand.

"You are Mrs. Adams, aren't you? I am Prudence Starr. It is so kind of you to come the very first day," she cried. "It makes me love you right at the start."

"Yes—yes, I am Mrs. Adams," Mrs. Adams was embarrassed. She could not banish from her mental vision that kneeling figure by the nail keg. Interrogation was written all over her ample face, and Prudence promptly read it and hastened to reply. "I do not generally say my prayers in the barn, Mrs. Adams, I assure you."

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But—well, when I found this grand, old, rambling barn, I was so thankful I couldn't resist praying about it."

"But a barn?" ejaculated the perplexed "member." "Do you call that a blessing?"

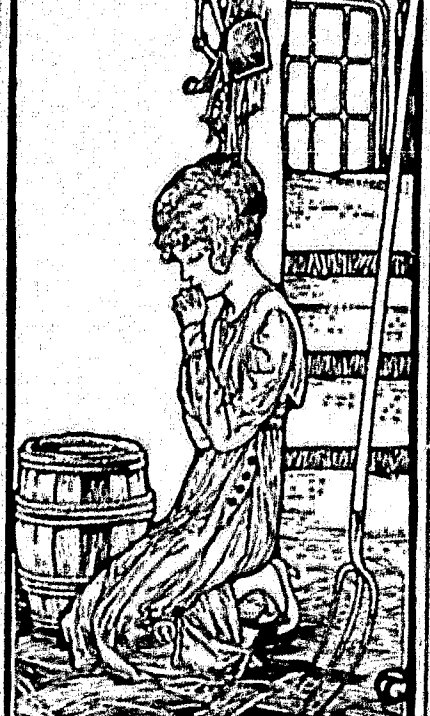
"Yes, indeed I do," declared Prudence. Then she explained patiently: "Oh, it is on the children's account, you know. They have always longed for a big, romantic barn to play in. That's why I couldn't resist saying my prayers—I was so happy I couldn't hold in."

As they walked slowly toward the house, Mrs. Adams looked at this parsonage girl in frank curiosity and some dismay, which she strongly endeavored to conceal from the bright-eyed Prudence. The Ladies had said it would be so nice to have a grown girl in the parsonage! Prudence was nineteen from all accounts, but she looked like a child, and—well, it was not exactly grown-up to give thanks for a barn, to say the very least! Yet this girl had full charge of four young children, and was further burdened with the entire care of a minister's father!

Well, well! Mrs. Adams sighed a little. "You are tired," said Prudence sympathetically. "It's so hot walking, isn't it? Let's sit on the porch until you are nicely rested."

"This is a fine chance for us to get acquainted," said the good woman with eagerness.

Now, if the truth must be told, there had been some ill-feeling in the Ladies' Aid society concerning the reception of Prudence. After the session of con-



In the Barn of All Places.

ference, when Rev. Mr. Starr was assigned to Mount Mark, the Ladies of the church had felt great interest in the man and his family. They inquired on every hand, and learned several interesting items. The mother had been taken from the family five years before, after a long illness, and Prudence, the eldest daughter, had taken charge of the household. There were five children. So much was known, and being women, they looked forward with eager curiosity to the coming of Prudence, the young mistress of the parsonage.

Mr. Starr had arrived at Mount Mark a week ahead of his family. Prudence and the other children had spent the week visiting at the home of their aunt, and Prudence had come on a day in advance of the others to "wind everything up," as she had expressed it.

But to return to the Ladies—the parsonage girls always capitalized the Ladies of their father's church—"One of us should go and help the dear child," said Mrs. Scott, the president of the Aids, when they assembled for their business meeting, "help her, and welcome her, and advise her."

"I was thinking of going over," said one, and another, and several others. "Oh, that will not do at all," said the president. "I think in a case like this the president herself should represent the society. Therefore, I will undertake this duty for you."

But this called forth a storm of protest and it became so clamorous that it was unofficially decided to draw out. Which was done, and in consequence of that, drawing of cuts, Mrs. Adams

now sat on the front porch of the old gray parsonage, cheered by the knowledge that every other Lady of the Aid was envying her!

"Now, just be real sociable and tell me all about yourself, and the others, too," urged Mrs. Adams. "I want to know all about every one of you. Tell me everything."

"There isn't much to tell," said Prudence, smiling. "There are five of us; I am the oldest—I am nineteen. Then comes Fairy, then the twins, and then the baby."

"Are the twins boys, or a boy and a girl?"

"Neither," said Prudence, "they are both girls."

"More girls!" gasped Mrs. Adams. "And the baby?"

"She is a girl, too." And Prudence laughed. "In short, we are all girls except father. He couldn't be, of course—or I suppose he would, for our family does seem to run to girls."

"Prudence is a very nice name for a minister's daughter," said Mrs. Adams suggestively. "Yes—for some ministers' daughters," assented Prudence. "But is sadly unsuitable for me."

Mrs. Adams looked critically at this young daughter of the parsonage. Then her eyes wandered down to her clothes, and lingered, in silent questioning, on Prudence's dress. It was a very peculiar color. In fact, it was no color at all—no named color. Prudence's eyes had followed Mrs. Adams' glance, and she spoke frankly.

"I suppose you're wondering if this dress is any color? Well, I think it really is, but it isn't any of the regular shades. It is my own invention, but I've never named it. Fairy grew up and out and around, and one day when I was so nearly out of clothes I hardly felt I could attend church any more, she suggested that I cut an old one of hers down for me! At first I laughed, and then I was insulted, Fairy is three years younger than I, and before then she had got my hand-me-downs. But now the tables were turned. From that time on Fairy's clothes were cut down for me. I still feel bitter about it. Fairy is dark, and dark blues are becoming to her. She handed down this dress—it was dark blue then, but I was not wanting a dark blue, and I thought it would be less recognizable if I gave it a contrasting color. I chose lavender. I dyed it four times, and this was the result."

"Do the twins dress alike?" inquired Mrs. Adams, when she could control her voice.

"Yes—unfortunately for Connie. They do it on purpose to escape the awkwardness. They won't even have hair ribbons different. And the result is that poor Connie never gets one new thing except shoes. She says she cannot help thinking the Lord in her prayers that all of us outwear our shoes before we can outgrow them—Connie is only nine. Fairy is sixteen, and the twins are thirteen. They are a very clever lot of girls."

"And what are you going to do?" inquired Mrs. Adams, looking with real affection at the bright, sweet face. "You ought to go to school. You're just a girl yourself."

"I don't want to go to school," smiled Prudence. "Not any more. I like it, just taking care of father and the girls—with Fairy to keep me balanced! I read, but I do not like to study—No, you'll have to get along with me just the way I am, Mrs. Adams. It's all I can do to keep things going now, without spending half the time dreaming of big things to do in the future."

"Don't you have dreams?" gasped Mrs. Adams. "Don't you have dreams of the future? Girls in books now-days dream—"

"Yes, I dream," interrupted Prudence, "I dream lots—but it's mostly of what Fairy and others will do when I get them properly raised. You'll like her girls, Mrs. Adams, I know you will. They really are a gifted little bunch—except me. I'm just common little Prudence of the Parsonage—but the others!" And Prudence flung out her hands dramatically.

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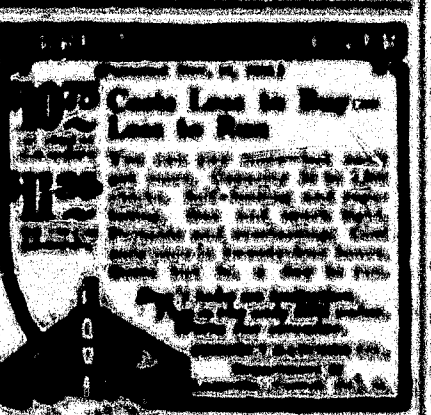
THE ACRES OF FAIRYLAND.

Nearly seventy years ago a strip of about ten acres of land, situated directly adjoining the southwest corner of the National Capitol grounds was set aside for a botanical garden. Just before the war the right to the Capitol grounds was given to the people of the United States by the act of Congress. The high open spaces that this tract of land off from the street, and guard it against indiscriminate invasion. But the gates are always open in daylight, and visitors are welcome. There are greenhouses, large and small, and trees, plants and shrubbery in abundance. On the grounds every variety of trees that can be grown in the temperate Washington climate has been collected and brought to the high open state of horticultural efficiency. The house contains banana, coffee, spice, orange, pepper, cucumber, rubber, and every other kind of tree known to any part of the globe. George W. Hove is in charge of the garden, and as his predecessors have given a collection of nature's products that can hardly be found in any other terrace enclosure in the civilized world. Busy visitors to Washington reach about daily to the entrance to the hall of marble, and exchange heavy with eggs, and sometimes lacking in western planting, but most of them miss the botanical garden as they pass by. A few gardeners or a hill at the Capitol. And in the language of the street "some of the dunces on the hill think they want to own the botanical garden." They suggest carrying it across the city to Rock Creek Park, where only the people who own automobiles may see it, but where it will be entirely missed by the vast horde of tourists that come to Washington through the beauty of cheap rate excursion tickets and see the Capitol City at their leisure's feet.

A WHIRL OF TEMPER.

Legend it might be inferred that Mr. Thomas W. Lawson had wrecked the happiness of Washington, the fact might be recorded as a sort of discomfiture, that the Capitol is given to the guests. Mrs. Wilson is making an admirable "First Lady of the Land," and the President, like a man of "mature years," with a new wife and a new term of office, is a lively sort. Reception and "affairs" are constantly coming off at the White House, and as the town always follows the guest by that institution, the nights are long, and the meetings are very long too.

The President and Mrs. Wilson were at the opera, and showed their enjoyment and appreciation of the bringing of the Boston National Opera company to Washington by Mrs. Wilson (Grove) in the country, as a whole people are apt to think Washington wouldn't be much except for the political set. But just what the political set is, and the people who have their things to say, and without Mrs. Wilson (Grove) that set would have been Washington its own right, and the meetings would have been much more for money than for pleasure. And as for the fact there has been no more of the "affairs" at the White House, and a host of other top leaders and host if it was the fact that it was on such a hill of the war; but recently Mrs. Wilson (Grove) has an



ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mrs. Dodge was called to Bethel, Wednesday by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Moses Hastings.

Mrs. Mark Allen of Bryant's Pond was in town Tuesday night and attended the banquet of the Volunteer Hose Co.

Mr. Axel Wilson of Magalloway was in the village, Wednesday, calling on his son, who is attending Gould's Academy.

The National and Savings Bank examiners were making their annual examination of the banks on Wednesday.

PENSIONS.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa has introduced a bill in the U. S. Senate, which if passed will change the age limit for soldier's widows entitled to an increase of pension from 70 years of age to 65. Instead of waiting till they are 70, they will be entitled to the increase to \$20 per month when they reach the age of 65.

Over 125,000 soldiers' widows have already received their certificates for the increase of pension.

15,000 more applications are being adjusted as fast as the necessary evidence can be obtained to perfect the claim.

The number of Civil War veterans on the pension roll, Dec. 31, 1916, was 348,451. During December there were 217 deaths among the civil war pensioners, and 1423 soldiers widows passed over into the great beyond in December.

GOING HOME.

In loving sympathy with those nearest and dearest to Mrs. Tryphene Wines Smith.

With the tender light of morning All-unblinded the angel came And touched her lips with silence, In the heavenly Father's name. Waved by the wand of magic That showed to her the road That leads through the strange dim valley Straight on to the home of God.

And with exulting faith, she'd firmly Taken her journeyed away, To rest, far beyond the shadows In the realms of an endless day. The smile on her lips was perfect For the victory was her own; She knew that for her was waiting A beautiful happy home.

You smoothed away from her forehead The tresses of weary hair And wondered to see her features So free from all lines of care. For the magic touch of the angel Had banished the marks of pain; And the face of your youthful mother You saw as you looked again.

The dear hands are folded together— Their work is all finished here; But we know that in God's fair homeland They are busy with work and cheer. Some day when your tasks are completed And the Angel, to you, shall say, "Come!" I know you will stand near the portal To bid you a "welcome home!"

Addie Kendall Mason.

Bethel, January, 1917.

MILLION DOLLAR DISPLAY.

PORTLAND AUTO SHOW.

It hardly seems possible that a large Auto Show could be held in Portland this year than was held a year ago, but from figures now obtainable, it is safe to say that when the doors of the Exposition Building are thrown open to the public on Monday, Feb. 12, a display of pleasure cars, trucks, and accessories valued at \$1,000,000 will greet the public.

The entire first floor, which will be devoted exclusively to pleasure cars, has already been contracted for. Not another available inch can be sold. The space in the basement, which will include exhibits of trucks, accessories, and pleasure cars which could not be accommodated on the first floor, is nearly all taken.

The same high standard which has characterized the Auto Show held in the past by the Portland Automobile Dealers Association, will be maintained this season.

Although this exhibition of motor cars is in nature an entertainment, nevertheless, a number of very interesting features will be introduced through the show week, Feb. 12 to 21. The decorative scheme for the first floor this year will surprise that of a year ago, which was acknowledged at that time to have been the most beautiful ever seen at an automobile exhibition in New England.

Another great deal of interest is being shown throughout the State by automobile dealers, and parties are being formed in some of the cities to attend the show in a body. Arrangements are now being made for special railroad rates to and from Portland during show week.

THE CENSUS OF BIRTHS.

A Census Bureau bulletin has just appeared giving birth rates and death rates for 1916. It is of unique interest, in that it gives for the first time comparative statistics of births as between native Americans and immigrant alien parentage. It is true that these statistics are for nothing more than the limited Registration Area, the United States having not yet made sufficient progress in social administration to secure accurate vital statistics from the whole country. Nevertheless the Registration Area consists of all the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota and the District of Columbia. It therefore comprises nearly one-third of our entire population, and a variety of occupation and condition in life—manufacturing, mining, commercial and agricultural; crowded cities and sparsely populated country—to afford a fairly accurate criterion by which to estimate the whole nation.

The unmistakable significance of the statistics is to indicate realization of the prophecy which was made in this State more than fifty years ago, and which was then ridiculed, resented and repudiated, namely, the decline of the birth rate in the native stock and the great preponderance of it among immigrant aliens. Thus in Massachusetts the 21 per cent of the population which was foreign-born produced 58 per cent of the children born during the year. In Maine the 15 per cent of immigrant aliens produced 28 per cent of the births; in Connecticut the immigrant 20 per cent produced nearly 63 per cent of the births; in New Hampshire 22 per cent produced 44 per cent; in Vermont 14 per cent produced 25 per cent; in Rhode Island 32 per cent produced 59 per cent; in New York 30 per cent produced 50; in Pennsylvania 19 per cent produced 40; in Michigan 21 per cent produced 35; in Minnesota 29 per cent produced 33, and in the District of Columbia 16 per cent produced 17 per cent.

These figures must not, it is true, be taken at their full face value. We must remember that a far larger proportion of immigrants are of child-bearing age than of the native stock. That difference is sufficient to account for some of the discrepancy between the two classes in child bearing, but by no means for all of it. It may possibly account for the 40 per cent excess of the immigrant birth rate over the native in Minnesota. It certainly cannot account for the 300 per cent excess in Connecticut. We cannot, therefore, avoid the conclusion that larger families prevail among the immigrant than among the native population. That is a conclusion which many have come to through their own personal observations of small families among the native stock and large families in the foreign colonies in our cities and elsewhere. It is now confirmed by governmental authority.

The unmistakable tendency is, therefore, for the immigrants and children of immigrants to gain preponderance over the old native elements of the population. Again, this tendency is not quite as marked as it appears to be on the face of the returns, for there can be little doubt that the infantile death rate is higher among the immigrant than among the native part of the population. What a difference this may make in the net result is suggested by the known difference elsewhere. Thus France has a very low birth rate, 19 to the thousand, while Germany has a high one, 28.3 to the thousand. But France has also a low rate of infantile mortality, only 78 to the thousand births, while Germany has a high rate, 147 to the thousand. So among a million French people there are 19,000 births, 1487 infantile deaths, and 17,513 children living at the age of one year; while among a million Germans there are 28,300 births, 4180 infantile deaths, and 24,140 living at the age of one year. The difference between 17,513

and 24,140 German yearlings—if we may use the word—is much less marked than that between 19,000 and 28,300 births. In the former case it is 41 per cent and in the latter it is 47 per cent.

Nevertheless, when all possible allowances have been made, and all said and done, there is still a more rapid growth of the newly naturalized than of the old native element. That cannot be stopped or changed, and the process is not unlikely to continue at an increasing rate. The circumstance is therefore significant of the imperative need of educating the children of immigrants as Americans pure and simple; a work which will require a certain degree of cooperation on the part of the parents to render it effective. Half of the Americanizing value of the school instruction and training is lost when alien influences prevail and are active and aggressive at home. Immigrant parents can, if they try, as some do, cause their children to grow up almost as much aliens as themselves. It is to the task of counterbalancing this tendency as much as possible, wherever and whenever it is manifested, that our educational, social and patriotic efforts should be exerted. The alien's child, born here, is an American. He should be educated as such, and be loyal as Americans at any stage of his life.

Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$1,000,000 to a British bidder for 16 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidder.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for the work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,500 16-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended, in wages, materials, etc., on these orders \$425,000, and we have not received a single dollar on these contracts.

In the light of our experience, and having no other bidders, we bid for 16-inch shells approximately the same rate per pound at which the Navy Department actually awarded a 16-inch shell contract one year ago.

Bethlehem Steel Company

NEW POTATO DISEASE.

Prevalent Last Season in Eastern Section—Application of Potash or Manure to Soil Recommended.

A potato disease appearing on certain soils and apparently associated with the lack of potash in the commercial fertilizers used was prevalent last summer in various sections of the East. According to specialists of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, the trouble was largely controlled by the use of stable manure. The disease may be expected to appear again with increased severity during the coming season in many potato-growing sections, from Maine to Virginia, and probably also farther south. It was first noted in scattered fields in 1915. In 1916 it became serious and general over considerable areas. Last year the disease was first observed late in June in Maryland and Virginia, and during the latter part of July in Maine. The affected plants first develop a downward rolling of the leaf margins, accompanied by a peculiar bronzing of the surface, some times mistaken for spray injury. Since it occurs on unsprayed as well as on sprayed plants, it can not be due to the corrosive action of spray. The foliage gradually turns brown—not yellow—and the plants ripen prematurely. Death of the leaves and sudden collapse of the stems at the ground level follow. The yield, of course, is much reduced. The disease is found more commonly on fields of early-maturing varieties, but is not restricted to them. It also appears first on early planted fields.

What is more striking is the very apparent association of the trouble with certain soil types, at least in Maine, where this relation, as well as other features of the trouble, are being investigated by the department experts in cooperation with the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

Soils which originally supported the growth of soft woods, or "mixed" growth lands, developed the diseased condition in its most severe type, while the hardwood ridges showed it least or not at all. The trouble appeared first in the swales or low-lands, where the natural drainage was not so good as on the higher ridge land. When the disease appeared at all on the higher ground, it was of a less severe type.

Specific fungi are frequently found on the stems of the collapsing plants, and some of these most constantly seen belong to disease-producing groups. Their relation to the trouble is being investigated, but the present indications suggest that they are not the primary cause but have attacked the plants already seriously weakened by other agencies.

Fertilizer experiments in progress on affected fields demonstrated that the plots receiving potash showed little or no signs of the trouble, even where the other plots were entirely dead. Stable manure also held the disease in almost complete control.

Investigations of the trouble by the department are incomplete, but the present indications are that it is due to insufficient potash, or, perhaps, in some soils at least, to an excess of nitrate in the presence of a minimum potash supply. Farmers who are unable to secure potash fertilizer for their potato fields but who have stable manure may insure their crop against attack by its use. In sections where certain types of soil have been observed to suffer from the disease under discussion, and it is advisable to plant potatoes on these types next year, it is strongly recommended that potash fertilizers or stable manure be applied if either are obtainable.

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Frank R. Bishop.

You'll never know until you try How much better you'll feel when you come to die

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F. L. HARLOW
PORTLAND, MAINE
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.
Milwaukee, Wis.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper, published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at said Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1917, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

William Littlehale late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Augustus G. Littlehale, executor.

Melissa C. Littlehale late of Newry, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Henry G. Bryant, administrator.

Elbridge Prince late of Albany, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Henry G. Park, administrator.

Enoch B. Knapp late of Newry, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Ordeus A. Foster as executor of the same, without bond, presented by said Ordeus A. Foster, the executor therein named.

William M. Littlehale, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Augustus G. Littlehale, executor.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
1-35-31.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS.

At a Probate Court held at Paris in and for said County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1917. On the petition of Bertha N. Storey, guardian of the estate of Robert A. Storey, minor ward, of Lincoln Parish, praying for license to sell at private sale certain real estate owned by said ward which real estate is described as follows: viz: A two ninth interest in common and undivided of a certain parcel of land situated in said parish of Lincoln and being known as the Robert A. Storey home farm, so called, and bounded northerly by land of Ernest S. Bennett; easterly by Magalloway River, southerly by the Coe Land, so called, and westerly by Dartmouth College Grant, so called, asking for license to sell the said ward's interest in the growing timber on said parcel and so more.

It is ordered, that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in and for said County on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Eugene M. Bishop late of Rumford in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

FRANK R. BISHOP.
January 1917, 1917.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Miss Howard will lead the Christ Endeavor service, Sunday evening seven o'clock.

As the pastor will be away in attendance upon the Boys' Conference, Lewiston the morning service and Sunday school will be omitted next Sunday. Miss Alice Eames of Hingham, Mass. addressed the Camp Fire Girls, at Bethel, in said County, on Wednesday afternoon. A collation was served at the close.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Hiram Bean, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Subject of the morning sermon, "Awakening From Sleep." Mrs. F. L. Edwards gave a social, tomorrow last Wednesday to the ladies of the Universalist Parish and a part of their invited guests.

A pleasing program had been prepared as follows: Piano Solo, Miss Marjorie Farwell; Reading, Mrs. E. C. Vandenberg; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Marshall Hastings; Reading, Mrs. P. H. Byrne; Piano Solo, Miss Mildred Bossmann; Vocal Solo, Miss Mona Mary.

Refreshments of refreshment, coffee and cake were served to about fifty persons. About \$10 was added to the George Little Memorial Fund.

Words and thoughts of the writer who was detained at home by sickness. May each one give as freely. As the one who paved the way, And grow in grace and wisdom. 'Till we reach the perfect day.

May the veil today be lifted And we see the loved form, And hear her words of tender counsel. Stand for right and shun the wrong.

She has gone beyond the portal, And is near the Great White Throne. Where we all hope to meet her. And are known as we are known.

How we miss her in the gloaming. When the shadows of night draw near. But we hear the Master calling. Look up higher do not fear.

"Sometime, some day, our eyes shall see The faces left in memory: Some day their hands shall clasp our hands. Just over in the morning land." Nellie F. Davis.

A REVIVAL OF THE MAINE FESTIVAL CHORUS.

Over twenty-five years ago there was a chorus of forty fine voices in Bethel, which became merged into the Festival Chorus. That was the time when Payson Grover's magnificent bass was a foundation from which all voices could rise. Mr. William Rogers Chapman's gifted sister, Mrs. Horton's full mezzo-soprano filled any concert hall. Our minister's talented wife, Mrs. Hardy, had a strong and cultivated voice. Mrs. Ava Finney was, there with her artistic temperament and lovely singing voice. Mrs. Tuell's brilliant high soprano, Mrs. Fred Edwards and Mrs. Hallings' rich contraltos; Scott French's deep voice, and most rare of all, Mrs. Ellison's superb voice and the musical cultivation, made a background upon which the voices of a host of younger singers produced an unusual effect. There was a wonder of a pianist who intuitively knew the Director's thought. She was then Miss Lillian True, beloved pupil of the famous Oscar Reif of Berlin, Germany; and Mrs. Gehring, fresh from Boston's training, was the Director.

When the Festival Chorus was formed, this body of singers was the basis. What wonder that it was for years a source, and that the enthusiastic members sang their hearts out in the inspiring first Festival day!

Today, there is a large number of singers of undoubted talent in this village. Now and then one hears a single voice and believes in the talent behind it. Recently, on Main street, as the winter passed by, a lovely soul floated from a house where certainly some singers are dwelling.

The Male Trio at the Methodist Church, heard a few weeks ago, sang beautifully well. Mr. Tyler can give bass, and receive a great deal of praise for the Festival Chorus. Mr. Kline's strong tenor and unusual knowledge of good music is always of much help that he really cannot afford not to give inspiration with his voice and presence. Mr. Sturdy should be sought for male bass, and if there are

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